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CALENDAR FOR 1940

The 68th Annual Convention will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor, May 20-22, 1940.

Synodical Sermon by the President of Synod.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich; Alternate, Rev. T. D. Rinde.

Chorister, Rev. G. Gieschen.

Organist, Rev. S. Frederick.

Chaplain, Rev. E. F. Rohlfing; Alternate, Rev. A. L. Mendenhall.

ROLL OF SYNOD

	Pastor	Address	Year Ord.	Ent. Synod	Parish	Delegate
1.	Alexander, C. M. N.	Wilber	1936	1936	First, Wilber	Ed. Hauser**
2.	Alexander, W. W.	Hooper	1935	1934	Grace, Hooper	A. E. Hecker
					St. John's, Vacoma	Peter Katt*
* 4.	Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.	2602 Farnam, Omaha	1896	1927	First, Rising City	L. J. Saylor
* 4.	Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.	2602 Farnam, Omaha	1896	1911	Pastor Emeritus, Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
5.	Berhenke, C. H.	2544 N. 61st, Omaha	1935	1935	First, Omaha	George Wood**
** 6.	Chittenden, W. J.	Cotesfield	1936	1936		
7.	Cordts, H. C.	304 W. 20th, Falls City	1926	1925	St. Paul's, Falls City	Louis Meinzer
8	Cress, F. L.	Allen	1928	1926	First, Allen	
**** 9.	Davis, R. V.	Paxton	1929	1929	Trinity, Paxton	Henry Sudman****
					Grace, Sutherland	
*10.	Daubenspeck, W. M.	Leavenworth, Kansas	1929	1929	C. C. C. Chaplain	
***11.	de Freese, L. H.	South Sioux City	1936	1935	First, S. Sioux City	W. C. Sund****
12.	Delo, F. S.	Hardy	1894	1938	St. Paul's, Hardy	
13.	Dorner, E. A.	Columbus	1929	1929	United, Columbus	Don Thomas****
14.	Dumler, H.	Davenport	1926	1925	Christ's, Davenport	Charles Brant****
15.	Estrada, D.	South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
*16.	Flora, G. R.	Liberia, Africa	1936	1935	Missionary	
17.	Frederick, P. W. H., D. D.	1653 N. Colson, Fremont	1900	1931	Professor in Western Seminary	
18.	Frederick, S.	Homer	1937	1937	Homer-Hubbard	Wilfred Voss
19.	Gieschen, G.	Leigh	1922	1934	St. John's, Leigh	Jacob Held
*20.	Gilmer, E. H.		1912	1932		
***21.	Goede, H. J.	1503 S. 25th St., Omaha	1930	1938	Grace, Omaha	J. F. Smith*
*22.	Guss, W. I., D. D.	827 E. Illinois St., Spokane, Washington	1899	1919	Missionary for Board of Am. Missions	
***23.	Harman, C. B., D. D.	503 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1900	1909	St. Paul's, Grand Island	H. Obermeier
24.	Haugse, E. N.	Wolbach	1935	1935	Trinity, Wolbach	J. Alfred Larsen**
					First, Ericson	
25.	Heidenreich, W. C.	Wayne	1906	1928	St. Paul's, Wayne	Paul Zeplin*
26.	Henkel, F. W.	Auburn	1926	1938	St. Paul's, Auburn	Fred Hector
27.	Henriksen, H. M.	Stamford	1935	1935	Trinity, Stamford	Chris J. Tams**
28.	Hershey, J. C., D. D.	1210 N. Park, Fremont	1917	1917	President of Synod	
29.	Holz, G. C. H.	Buenos Aires, South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
30.	Joens, H.	Hampton	1929	1929	Emmanuel, Hampton	Wm. Enderle
***31.	Kahse, W. T., D. D.	413 Central Ave., Sidney	1905	1912	Sidney-Potter	Herbert Rabe**
**32.	Keller, S. L.	Fremont	1888	1910	Retired	
**33.	Kemper, C. H.	North Platte	1927	1926	Retired temporarily	
34.	Klink, W. A.	West Point	1917	1917	Grace, West Point	A. J. Manser
35.	Krebs, G. P.	Emerson	1934	1937	St. Luke's, Emerson	H. Dohrman
36.	Lesher, L. H., D. D.	847 S. 14th St., Lincoln	1921	1939	Grace, Lincoln	H. Studier
*37.	Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.	748 E. Military, Fremont	1904	1925	Field Secretary of Parish and Church School Board of U. L. C. A.	
38.	Livers, W. S.	Ponca	1932	1932	Salem, Ponca	

39.	Machetzki, P. O., D. D., British New Guinea, South America	1915	1914	Missionary	
**40.	Martin, H. F., Ph. D., D. D., Midland College, Fremont	1905	1925	President of Midland College	
41.	Mendenhall, A. L., Spencer	1937	1936	United, Spencer	
42.	Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., D. D., Sterling, Kan.	1908	1922	Professor	
43.	Miller, J. C., Verdon	1915	1928	St. Mark's, Verdon	H. Guilliams
				Trinity, Stella	
44.	Moeller, G. E., 5016 Ohio St., Omaha	1932	1932	Luther Memorial, Omaha	E. Castberg**
45.	Mortensen, E. C., Benedict	1920	1920	Zion, Benedict	Percy Seymour
*46.	Mortensen, G. E. Box 406, Russellville, Ark.	1920	1920	C. C. C. Chaplain	
47.	Naugle, C. J., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1938	1938	Assistant at Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
48.	Pinkall, A. H., 4520 S. 16th, Omaha	1930	1930	St. Luke's, Omaha	W. A. Heuer
49.	Rangeler, R. E., 3935 E. Randolph, Lincoln	1919	1921	St. James', Lincoln	J. A. Kunkel
				Eagle-Walton	Harry Francke**
50.	Rhine, J. S., Dalton	1933	1933	Gurley-Dalton	John Schuler
51.	Rinde, T. D., 1643 N. Nye, Fremont	1924	1927	Professor in Western Seminary	
52.	Rohlfing, E. F., Broadwater	1935	1934	Messiah, Broadwater	A. M. Hensley
***53.	Rubrecht, G. K., D. D., 311 W. 5th, North Platte	1905	1928	First, North Platte	E. T. Tramp***
54.	Saas, W. H., 214 N. 9th, Beatrice	1925	1924	Trinity, Beatrice	Charles Stevens**
55.	Schuldt, T. J. C., 406 S. 9th, Nebraska City	1936	1936	First, Nebraska City	A. A. Meyer**
56.	Simon, M. B., 809 Grant, York	1937	1936	First, York	Harold Wochner
****57.	Smeal, M. M., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1938	1939	Assistant at Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
58.	Stump, W. C., 2051 N. 20th, Omaha	1910	1930	St. Mark's, Omaha	I. L. Beisel*
***59.	Teckhaus, H. A., S. T. M., Tekamah	1911	1937	Emmanuel, Tekamah	Thomas Lipps***
*60.	Tranberg, C. P., 6030 Ingleside Ave., Chicago	1913	1930		
***61.	Traub, W. H., D. D., LL. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1913	1931	Kountze Memorial, Omaha	Wm. Tegtmeyer
62.	Voss, W. A., 2875 Vane, Omaha	1925	1934	Our Redeemer, Omaha	H. P. Weitkamp
*63.	Weaver, G. B., D. D., Marquette	1898	1916	Retired	
*64.	Wharton, P. C., Seattle, Wash.	1938	1937	Missionary for Board of American Missions	
65.	Wiegman, F. C., 325 E. 10th, Fremont	1927	1927	Salem, Fremont	John Diestel****
66.	Wood, E. G., Chirala, Guntur District, India	1929	1929	Missionary	
***67.	Young, A. W., Scribner	1926	1924	United, Scribner	A. K. Miller**
				Emmanuel, Snyder	W. Ellerman**
68.	Delegate at large from North Platte Conference				Otto Nelson
	Vacant			Emmanuel, Dakota City	
	Vacant			St. Paul's, Hildreth	
	Vacant			St. Mark's, Oshkosh	
	Vacant			Grace, Lewellen	

*Absent and excused **Absent and not excused ***Absent part time and excused ****Absent part time and not excused

MINUTES

COMMUNION SERVICE—TUESDAY MORNING

The 67th Annual Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska convened in the First Lutheran Church at York, Nebraska, the Rev. M. B. Simon, pastor, on Tuesday morning at 10:30, May 9, 1939.

The Preparatory and Holy Communion Services were in charge of the President and Secretary of Synod. President Hershey preached the sermon on the text Acts 1:8. Eighty-two communed.

BUSINESS SESSION—TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Formal Opening of Synod was conducted by President J. C. Hershey at 1:35 Tuesday afternoon, May 9, 1939.

The Roll of Synod was called, 47 pastors and 25 lay delegates responding.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. The Report was adopted.

The following new members were introduced to Synod: the Rev. Vance Baird, the Rev. H. J. Goede, the Rev. F. W. Henkel, the Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D., the Rev. M. M. Smeal and the Rev. C. J. Naugle.

President Hershey presented his Report. The Report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BRETHREN OF SYNOD:

"Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." Amen.

We gather for the sixty-seventh convention for the first time in First Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, Nebraska. The past year has been a trying one for both pastors and congregations. Short crops and business recessions have depressed many people, but our Church people are looking up to Him who supplies all our needs. With undaunted faith and courage, progress has been made in nearly all our churches. As we think of the unsettled conditions of the world in general, we realize increased responsibilities and opportunities never so great.

We are happy to submit the following report:

Bereavements

Since the last meeting of Synod one pastor only has answered the call to the life triumphant, Luther M. Kuhns. The Necrologist will prepare a fitting memorial service for our departed brother.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Calls Accepted

Rev. F. W. Henkel, Auburn, September 1, 1938.
Rev. Vance Baird, Rising City, June 1, 1938.
Rev. H. J. Goede, Grace, Omaha, December 1, 1938.
Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D., Grace, Lincoln, January 15, 1939.

Accessions

Rev. F. W. Henkel, Texas Synod, September 1, 1938.

Rev. C. J. Naugle, Ohio Synod, June 19, 1938.
Rev. Vance Baird, Ordination, June 1, 1938.
Rev. Maurice M. Smeal, Central Penn. Synod, Nov. 10, 1938.
Rev. H. J. Goede, Mid-West Synod, December 1, 1938.
Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D., Iowa Synod, January 15, 1939.

Resignations

Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., Dakota City, Salem, Sept. 1, 1938.
Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Hardy, September 1, 1938.
Rev. W. J. Chittenden, McCool Jct., September 1, 1938.
Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Grace, Omaha, August 15, 1938.
Rev. E. H. Gilmer, Hildreth, April 1, 1939.

Installations

Rev. Vance Baird, Rising City, September 4, by President of Synod.
Rev. E. N. Haugse, Wolbach and Ericson, September 11 by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D.
Rev. F. W. Henkel, Auburn, November 27, by President of Synod.
Rev. H. J. Goede, Grace, Omaha, December 11, by President of Synod.

Ordinations

Rev. Vance Baird, Rev. Leeland C. Soker, and Rev. Paul C. Wharton June 1, 1938. Sermon by Rev. F. C. Wiegman. Ordination service was conducted by the President of Synod, assisted by the chairman of the Examining Committee of Synod and other officers of Synod.
Rev. C. J. Naugle by Dr. L. M. Kuhns in Kountze Memorial Church June 19, 1938.

Vacancies

Bruning—The Methodists continue to hold services in the Lutheran church at Bruning. Because there are yet several Lutheran families attending the Methodist services and still holding their membership in the Lutheran Church, the property cannot be disposed of.

Dakota City, Emmanuel—Occasional services have been held in this church since the last meeting of Synod. Your President administered the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday, 18 communed.

Lewellen—Student Hansen of the Seminary has been supplying regularly since last June. Arrangements have been made for Student Gigstad to supply this parish during the summer months.

Oshkosh—Student Hansen has been supplying this parish with Lewellen. He preaches at Lewellen at 9:30 A. M. and at Oshkosh at 11 A. M. He has been doing very acceptable work. This congregation is very anxious to call a regular pastor.

Hardy—Rev. Frank S. Delo became the supply pastor the 15th of January. Rev. and Mrs. Delo live in the parsonage. This parish has had short pastorates for the last few years which has not been very encouraging to the congregation. However, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Delo, there is good attendance in both the Church School and in the church services.

McCool Jct.—Rev. Simon supplies regularly at McCool Jct.

Sutherland—Rev. Davis supplies regularly at Sutherland.

Application for Membership

Rev. Maurice M. Smeal, Central Pennsylvania Synod, Nov. 10th, 1938.
Rev. F. W. Henkel, Texas Synod, September 1, 1938.
Rev. H. J. Goede, Midwest Synod, December 1, 1938.
Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D., Iowa Synod, January 15, 1939.

Anniversaries

Dalton, 25th anniversary of the congregation. Dr. W. T. Kahse and the President of Synod were the speakers.

Walton, Eagle and St. James of Lincoln celebrated the 10th anniversary of the present pastorate on June 19, 1938, gathering in the

Walton Church for services morning and afternoon and fellowship dinner at noon.

Vacoma, observed their 45th anniversary July 3, 1938. Dr. Christian Sick, organizer and first pastor, and Dr. J. C. Hershey, president of Synod, were the speakers. Rev. W. W. Alexander, the pastor, had charge of the services.

Broadwater, 4th annual celebration, July 15th. Social meeting in the evening with reports and talks from various leaders in the congregation.

Columbus: This congregation celebrated the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Mueller at a special congregational service and dinner.

Stamford: Trinity Lutheran celebrated its Golden Anniversary October 16th and the Tenth Anniversary of the building of their new house of worship. Rev. A. W. Young, a former pastor, and the president of Synod were the speakers.

West Point: 25th anniversary of the building of the present church, December 28, 1938. An all day meeting was held. Dr. L. J. Powell of Washington, Ill., under whose direction the church was built, spoke at the morning service. Dr. W. F. Rangeler, a former pastor, spoke in the evening. A social time was held at the conclusion of the evening service at which time laymen gave their experiences leading up to the building of the church.

Wilber: 50th anniversary January 29, 1939. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Dr. J. S. Leamer, former pastors, were the speakers. Dr. J. C. Hershey, president of Synod, brought the greetings of Synod. Rev. Klink, a former pastor, was also present and gave a few remarks of inspiration.

Improvements

Sidney: Paid its mortgage of $600 plus $200 on Paving. Total $800.00.

Gurley: Sanded and varnished floors. Cost $35.00.

Columbus: 11 pews added. Donated by an unnamed group.

Stamford: Minor improvements amounting to $40.00.

West Point: Floor of main auditorium redecorated $200. New plumbing installed in parsonage $140.00. New Service Books $30.00. Set of electric candelabra given as a memorial $100.00. Papering parsonage $30.00. New hymnals for Sunday School $50.00. Total $550.00.

Omaha, Grace: New roof on church and sexton's home, and new oil-burners in both furnaces, and repainted all exterior woodwork.

Wilber: New roof $190.00. Cross, candelabra, donated. Chancel rail, made by pastor.

Tekamah: Parsonage redecorated, $40.00.

Spencer: Paint, siding and candelabra, cost $50.00.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial: Redecorated interior of church, cost $3000.00.

Nebraska City: Improved heating plant, Organ, linoleum for kitchen, Candelabra, carpet for chancel, hymnals, curtain for Sunday School room, missal stand, landscaping, repairs on church and parsonage, total cost $235.00.

Verdon: Repairs, $60.00.

Omaha, St. Mark's: Enlarged and repaired Kuhns memorial altar. Pair of fine Gorham brass candelabra.

Hampton: Trees and shrubbery, $8.00.

Paxton: New windows in church, $25.00. Church floor varnished, $10.00.

Snyder: Church repainted and tower rebuilt, $150.00. New choir loft, $25.00; new robes, $51.00.

Fremont: Organ shutters, $500.00.

Omaha, St. Luke's: Loud speaker installed, $45.00; Alley paved, $150; new coal stoker installed, $500.00; coal bin, $25.00; two rooms redecorated, $25.00.

Davenport: Connected church and parsonage with village sewer system.

Omaha, First: New cloak room, new storage cabinet, new steel filing cabinet, public address system, new hymnals, chairs refinished, cost $150.00.

Omaha, Redeemer: Painted exterior of church, new pews added, cost $330.00.

Hubbard: Altar painting, $100.00.

Homer: Parsonage repaired, $35.00.

Emerson: Painted outside of church, rebuilt window screens, bought 7 storm-windows, cello-tex Primary room, chairs repaired, 50 new S. S. hymnals, total cost $225.00.

York: New aisle rug, gift from Brotherhood, cost $18.00.

Rising City: Church remodeled to accommodate altar, labor donated. Altar and reredos installed, material $40.00, labor donated. Baptismal font given as memorial, value $350.00.

Lincoln, Grace: New roof on church, social room redecorated, parsonage painted and redecorated, total cost $800.00.

Hooper: Church basement redecorated at cost of $80.00. Altar cross, altar picture, green altar parament, two dozen Children's hymnals installed for Children's chapel in Primary Department, one dozen Parish School hymnals added for worship of Senior and Intermediate departments, red altar paraments given as a memorial to complete the colors for the Church Year. Communion Veil, gift of Luther League, trees planted and air circulation system of furnace replaced.

Vacoma: Church exterior and interior painted and redecorated, cost $90.00. New altar picture and two dozen steel folding chairs gift of Ladies Aid. Individual cup communion service set installed as the gift of the Luther League.

Questionaire

Thirty-five out of forty-three pastors answered the questionaire sent out by the president of Synod. The spirit of the pastors is considerably improved over last year. Increased attendance is reported by 27 pastors. One reported an increase of 31 over last year by actual count. Another reported a 20% increase. Seven pastors reported no records kept, one reported a decrease.

Twenty-six of the thirty-five pastors have started the "Children of the Church" program and report success.

To the question on last year's Pastor's Institute we summarize the answers as follows: "Urge for greater consecration." "Spiritual depth and touch was my greatest impression." "Greatness of the Pastor's office." "Spiritual aspect of a pastor's work." "Experiences of other pastors." "The sincerity and sensibleness in which the speaker presented the objectives." "Helped me to meet the discouragements of my people during these trying times." "Pastor's devotional life helped me most."

With reference to the question of the CCC (Church Councilmen's Conference) the answers may be summarized as follows: "How can we impress our Church Councilmen with their Spiritual duties?" "Responsibility of laymen in planning and realizing the program of the parish." "Emphasize the Every-Member-Canvass." "Proper division of a congregation's money into current funds and benevolences, when it cannot meet in full either." "Growth in grace problem." "How to organize and interest men." "How to develop an improved Every-Member-Canvass." "Necessity of councilmen participating in the whole program of the Church." "Having Church Councilmen realizing the spiritual responsibility of their office." "How to win back lapsed members." "Better trained and informed vestrymen using a book like Swank's 'The Vestrymen'." "Church Councilmen attending the Church School." "Whether or not the pastor should be the chairman of the Council. Sometimes it is a handicap." "To be a member of the Church Council is not a 'job' but a privilege." "The councilmen as a part of the Spiritual Life of the congregation." "The possibility of limiting special financial appeals: so that the whole program idea may have an opportunity to bear fruits."

Your president attended the following meetings: Brotherhood convention at Baltimore, the U. L. C. A. convention, five Promotional Program group meetings, both Conference meetings, Midland Assembly, Luther League Camp, Women's Missionary Society, Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America at Sioux Falls, S. D., Students and Pastors Conference, and one Group Meeting of the Different Lutheran Synods in Nebraska, at Wahoo, Nebraska.

With the exception of two Sundays during vacation time and one Sunday preceding this convention your president has been visiting the churches of Synod, sat in at eleven congregational meetings, 22 council meetings, conducted three funerals, administered communion five times and had one baptism, delivered 66 sermons, 17 short addresses, two chapel addresses at Midland College, attended 8 Executive Committee meetings of the College, and had many conferences in the office with individuals and groups of which no record was made.

While caring for the needs of the church, the president traveled 15,975 miles by train and by auto.

As we close another year of activities, the president thanks all pastors, church councilmen and other members of the Synod's Churches for their kindness and their hearty co-operation in the Master's work.

With the Lord's richest blessings in all your work, we humbly submit to you this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Your president
J. C. Hershey.

Treasurer Wood presented his Report for the year 1938, and the Auditor's Report. The Auditor's Report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1938

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1938 in Synodical Treasury		$ 336.32
Collection at Synod, Fremont 6/2/38	$ 14.05	
Apportionment 13% of $19,942.36	2,592.51	
Amount taken from other beneficiaries to balance	1,538.34	4,144.90
United Lutheran Church		8,842.25
Ministerial Education		92.00
Tabitha Home		
Apportionment	1,916.75	
Special Gifts	119.64	2,036.39
Midland College		
Apportionment	3,868.49	
Special Gifts	3,293.19	7,161.68
Missionary Committee Apportionment		1,092.02
Foreign Missions		815.43
Miscellaneous		
Board of Foreign Missions	252.93	
Konnarock	85.00	
Church Extension	23.90	
Lutheran World Convention	5.00	
Ministerial Pension and Relief	5.00	371.83
		$24,892.82

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church	10,029.51
Ministerial Education	92.00
Tabitha Home	2,036.39
Midland College	7,161.68

Missionary Committee		1,092.02
Synodical Treasury		
J. C. Hershey, Salary and Expense	$3,338.72	
Perkins Printing Co.	335.94	
F. E. Wood	78.90	
T. D. Rinde	51.00	
R. E. Rangeler, Student Work	100.00	
E. C. Mortensen	14.72	
Midland College, Stat'y., Postage, etc.	15.83	
Members of Synod attending special meeting at Fremont	144.47	
W. A. Klink	11.57	
Albert Hedelund	2.55	
A. T. Yost	9.35	
Harry R. Swanson	1.00	
Hanson Audit Co.	25.00	
A. H. Pinkall	1.50	
C. H. Berhenke	4.93	
Belle Bliss	9.50	
J. F. Bastar Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
C. P. Tranberg	3.00	
Delegates to U L C Convention	309.00	
Gus Prestegaard	3.00	
Paul de Freese	5.00	
Nebraska State Bldg. & Loan Assoc.	2.20	
Exchange	4.04	4,481.22
		$24,892.82

	Apportionment	Paid	%	Specials	Totals
Allen	$ 638	$ 114.00	17.9	$ 10.00	$ 124.00
Auburn	926	389.00	42	124.88	513.88
Beatrice	607	46.35	7.6	27.77	74.12
Benedict	888	312.00	35.	39.68	351.68
Broadwater	457	137.00	30	.....	137.00
Columbus	382	213.00	56	69.37	282.37
Dalton	447	98.03	21.9	51.80	149.83
Dakota Imm.	27	5.00	18.6	5.00	10.00
Dakota Salem	590	104.00	17.6	10.55	114.55
Davenport	1,129			10.00	10.00
Eagle	202	8.00	4.		8.00
Emerson	772	328.10	42.5	287.27	615.37
Ericson	59	12.00	20.	12.50	24.50
Falls City	2,340	586.00	25.	280.00	866.00
Fremont	2,383	1,611.75	67.6	220.08	1,831.83
Grand Island	4,256	1,101.00	26	460.75	1,561.75
Gurley	378	190.00	50	69.50	259.50
Hampton	372	19.00	5.1	92.70	111.70
Hardy	393				
Hildreth	527			3.00	3.00
Homer	665	33.40	5	36.21	69.61
Hooper	1,203	248.00	20.6	57.00	305.00
Hubbard	410	6.00	1.5		6.00
Leigh	920	157.00	17	45.90	202.90
Lincoln, Grace	2,304	1,004.00	43.6	174.75	1,178.75
Lincoln, St. James'	319	105.00	33	8.20	113.20
Lewellen	277	9.00	3.2		9.00
McCool Junction	500			17.00	17.00
Nebraska City	596	160.00	26.8	39.59	199.59
North Platte	2,686	1,348.00	50	58.90	1,406.90
Omaha First	1,511	394.00	26	115.70	509.70
Omaha, Grace	1,378			22.50	22.50
Omaha, K. Mem.	13,209	4,169.17	31.5	1,016.77	5,185.94
Omaha, Luther Mem.	202	202.00	100	71.00	273.00

Omaha, Redeemer	2,133	1,385.00	65	134.50	1,519.50
Omaha, St. Luke's	2,288	1,505.00	65.7	288.71	1,793.71
Omaha, St. Mark's	681	369.00	54	118.24	487.24
Oshkosh	138	10.00	7.2	15.60	25.60
Paxton	766	339.00	44.2	31.37	370.37
Ponca	1,202	289.00	24	152.50	441.50
Potter	145	33.00	23		33.00
Rising City	803	271.37	33.8		271.37
Scribner	607	110.00	18	23.63	133.63
Snyder	No quota			8.85	8.85
Sidney	739	202.00	27.3	75.00	277.00
South Sioux City	920	439.00	47.8		439.00
Spencer	431	74.00	17		74.00
Stamford	590	85.00	14.4	29.62	114.62
Stella	117	41.75	35.7	27.75	69.50
Sutherland	138	3.00	2.2		3.00
Tekamah	255	55.00	21.5	25.75	80.75
Vacoma, St. John's	298	44.00	15	23.63	67.63
Verdon	596	182.00	30.5	47.57	229.57
Walton	415	19.39	4		19.39
Wayne	1,170	477.00	40.7	38.50	515.50
West Point	1,819	723.05	39.7	113.00	836.05
Wilber	293	100.00	34		100.00
Wolbach	728	8.00	1.1	5.00	13.00
York	638	68.00	10.6	16.55	84.55
	$61,863	$19,942.36	32.2	$4,614.14	$24,556.50

This report indicates a payment of apportioned benevolence of only 32% against 42.2% last year. $839 more was paid than in 1937. The loss in per cent is due to raising of quotas at the last convention.

F. E. Wood, Treasurer.

To the Board of Trustees:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
of the United Lutheran Church in America.

In accordance with your request, we have conducted a detailed audit of the financial books and records of your Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, for the period from January 26, 1938 to January 27, 1939, inclusive.

Our report submitted herewith consists of the following exhibits:

Exhibit "A": Summary Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by Funds from January 26, 1938 to January 27, 1939, inclusive.

Exhibit "B": Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from January 26, 1938 to January 27, 1939, inclusive.

Exhibit "C": Bank Reconciliation, December 31, 1938.

The overdrafts appearing in the Synodical Treasury Fund and Missionary Committee Fund were authorized by the Executive Committee. We quote a letter from Rev. J. C. Hershey, dated February 4, 1939, to-wit:

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee held June 16, 1938 the following motion carried: 'That the constitutional salaries be given priority on the benevolence received from the congregations on the apportionment, excepting the percentage due the United Lutheran Church in America.'

At a later meeting of the Executive Committee a motion carried that the percentage due the United Lutheran Church in America be included in the first motion.

Any cancellations of balances in funds against overdrafts in other funds should be done by action of the Executive Committee. Until such action is taken these balances and overdrafts should be carried forward subject to this fiscal period's receipts and disbursements."

There was on deposit in the Stephens National Bank of Fremont,

Nebraska as of December 31, 1938, $1,721.47. Deposits during January 1939 amounted to $3,505.32. The books were closed as of January 27, 1939 with outstanding checks amounting to $5,226.79. The net balance of funds on deposit per the books as of January 27, 1939 was nil.

Officers of the Synod during the past fiscal year were:

Rev. John C. Hershey, President
Rev. Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary
Mr. F. E. Wood, Treasurer

Our report submitted herewith agrees with the financial records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is a correct accounting for all receipts and disbursements for the fiscal period from January 26, 1938 to January 27, 1939, inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY,
By Jas. R. Hanson.

The Statistician's Report was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. Mr. J. K. Jensen, representative of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, spoke to this Report, urging that the Parochial Reports be made out more accurately so that the statistics will be more valuable.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

Your Statistician presents to you his report, as complete and accurate as the pastors and congregations of Synod have enabled him to make it.

For the fifth consecutive year we have had a 100% response to our call for reports, but brethren, by your carelessness and tardiness, you make the work of the statistician unnecessarily difficult and decrease the value of his work. For while we received reports from every congregation of Synod 22 of them came in late, 30 had to be corrected and 16 were incomplete.

We should like to emphasize the fact that incomplete congregational reports decrease the value of the synodical report. To this end we note the fact that according to the reports, 10 congregations with a total communing membership of 1136 and congregational expenditures amounting to $14,121 had no contributing members. While we might wish that it were possible to finance the church without contributing members we know that such a thing cannot be. Again, nine churches reporting a communing membership of 3535 indicate by their reports that they are caring only for their own membership, as they report no non-member adherents. That this is true we do not believe. Please fill out your reports carefully, completely and promptly. The statistician will greatly appreciate it and the synodical report will be of much more value.

An analysis of this year's report follows:

	Number	Increase	Decrease
Congregations	59		
Membership			
Baptized	28085	1128	
Confirmed	19422	774	
Communing	11940	318	
Contributing	9114	923	
Non-Member Adherents	1920		286
Sunday Schools	58	2	
Officers and Teachers	1078		10
Scholars	8289		402
Home Department	77		49
Cradle Roll	978		72
Week-Day Schools	27	4	

Teachers	190	9	
Scholars	1478	67	
Catechumens	1098	117	
Students			
Ministry	7		1
Diaconate	1		
In Lutheran Institutions	58	16	
In Non-Lutheran Institutions	270	6	
Church Societies			
Number of Men's	18		2
Members	486	23	
Number of Women's	114		
Members	3231	118	
Number of Young People's	90		1
Members	1953		288
Financial			
Congregational Expense			
Current	$107,468		322
Unusual	28,981		48
Total	136,449		370
Congregational Benevolence			
Apportioned	20,270	1,069	
Unapportioned	14,006	997	
Total	34,276	2,066	
Total Expenditures	$170,725	$1,696	

While the report indicates a need for improvement in all departments of our work at the same time it offers the following grounds for encouragement:

1. There were noticeable gains in all classes of membership. However, 25 persons and an expenditure of $141 were required to win each new member.
2. There was an increase of four Week-Day schools with a nice increase of teachers and scholars.
3. 117 more catechumens were reported this year than last.
4. Sixteen more students were reported attending Lutheran institutions than were reported last year.
5. There was an increase of $2066 in total congregational benevolence and an increase of $1696 in total congregational expenditures.

But a marked decrease in all departments of the Sunday School: ten teachers, 402 scholars, 49 from the Home Department and 72 from the Cradle Roll, and a loss of 288 members in the Young People's Societies offer a real challenge to every pastor and interested layman during the coming few years.

Statistics may be dry and uninteresting but they serve a worth while purpose. They provide the information by which the state of the health of the Synod is determined. Study them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Saas.

Mrs. F. C. Wiegman, President of the Women's Missionary Society of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and Mr. Wm. F. Kedde, President of the State Brotherhood, were introduced to Synod.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary. Recommendation 1 was amended to read "900 copies" instead of "800 copies" and was adopted as amended. Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. Recommendation 5 was referred back to the Committee and was scheduled to be the first order of business on Wednesday afternoon. Item 10 in the Report of the Executive Committee was approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee has held five meetings since the last Convention of Synod.
2. The Committees required by the Constitution were appointed and the Calendar for the 1939 Convention was arranged, as shown in the 1938 Minutes.
3. All unfinished business from the 1938 Convention referred to the Executive Committee was taken care of.
4. The Committee voted that all Reports of Officers and Committees to be presented at the 1939 Convention of Synod should be mimeographed and sent to the members of Synod several days before the Convention.
5. Due to lack of funds the publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran was suspended until the 1939 Convention of Synod.
6. The Committee instructed the President of Synod to send out a news letter from time to time to keep the pastors and congregations informed about the affairs of Synod.
7. President J. C. Hershey, Secretary T. D. Rinde and Mr. Otto Nelson were appointed to represent our Synod on the Merger Committee.
8. President J. C. Hershey was granted the month of July, 1938, for his vacation.
9. The Committee extended an invitation to The United Lutheran Church in America to hold its 1940 Convention in Omaha.
10. Due to a shortage of funds in the Synodical Treasury the Committee voted that the salaries provided by the Synodical Constitution should be given priority on all benevolences received by the Synodical Treasurer on the Apportionment.
11. The Committee granted the State Brotherhood the hours from 4 to 8 Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 9, for its Annual Convention and Banquet.

Recommendations:

1. That 900 copies of the Minutes of the 1939 Convention of Synod be printed.
2. That $100 be appropriated by Synod for Student Work at the University of Nebraska.
3. That $5 be allowed to the janitor of the First Lutheran Church at York, Nebraska, for services during the Convention of Synod.
4. That Synod approve the "Church Councilmen Conferences" to be sponsored by The United Lutheran Church in America.
5. That the budget for 1940 be divided into two sections as follows:

Section 1—Fixed Items

Salaries	$3100
Missions	1260
President's travel expense	600
Beneficiary Education	500
Printing	335
General Expense Fund	330
Student Work at non-Lutheran Institutions	100
Auditor's Fees	25
Treasurer's Bond	10
Total	$6260

Section 2—The Apportionment

The United Lutheran Church in America	$31,420.00
Midland College	16,600.00
Tabitha Home	4,150.00
Total	$52,170.00
Grand Total	$58,430.00

In accordance with the budget adopted by Synod the Apportionment Table for 1940 based upon a communing membership of 11,940, is as follows:

Allen	$ 616	Omaha, First	1,615
Auburn	925	Omaha, Grace	832
Beatrice	607	Omaha, K. M.	11,183
Benedict	563	Omaha, L. M.	172
Broadwater	538	Omaha, Redeemer	2,486
Columbus	416	Omaha, St. Luke's	2,530
Dalton	509	Omaha, St. Mark's	636
Dakota City, Em.	44	Oshkosh	338
Dakota City, Sal.	582	Paxton	783
Davenport	1,072	Ponca	1,057
Eagle	230	Potter	113
Emerson	946	Rising City	832
Ericson	54	Scribner	817
Falls City	2,643	Sidney	661
Fremont	2,138	Snyder	196
Grand Island	4,037	South Sioux City	1,037
Gurley	475	Spencer	357
Hampton	298	Stamford	533
Hardy	309	Stella	123
Hildreth	489	Sutherland	59
Homer	724	Tekamah	392
Hooper	1,052	Vacoma	314
Hubbard	279	Verdon	665
Leigh	700	Walton	382
Lewellen	299	Wayne	1,091
Lincoln, Grace	1,923	West Point	1,487
Lincoln, St. James'	333	Wilber	323
McCool Jct.	343	Wolbach	695
Nebraska City	636	York	504
North Platte	2,462		

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D Rinde, Secretary

Synod recessed for 10 minutes.

The Report of the State Brotherhood was presented by Mr. Wm. F. Kedde, President.

To the Officers, Pastors and Lay Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska in convention at York, Nebraska, May 9-10, 1939.

Brethren in Christ:

Following condensed report of our Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood:

With thanks in our heart to Our Master, we can say that the men of our Church are getting more brotherhood minded. It may not be in the sense of more brotherhoods organized but the present organizations are working in closer co-operation, and have become a spiritual asset to our church. Formerly they were looked upon as just another organization in the church, which we may proudly say is corrected, as the men feel they are a part in the great work in our Lord's Kingdom.

October 2-4, our State Brotherhood was represented at the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Convention by three delegates, who can report the forward stride of the National organization. Nearly 68,000 men are members of this body, from twenty-eight Synodical groups. The Executive Secretary, Mr. Bader, reported that during the biennium, three additional State or Synodical Brotherhoods had been added, and our own Nebraska State Brothrhood was one of these three.

October 14, a new Brotherhood was organized in Hampton, Rev. Joens, Pastor, while it is hard in the beginning to get going, with the help of God, great and good results may be expected.

In our last annual meeting it was recommended and adopted that we adopt the "Dual Due" plan in our State Brotherhood, whereby each Local Brotherhood pays a stipulated sum for the State and National organization to the State Treasurer, who in turn will forward the right amount to the National Headquarters. Up to this writing six Local Brotherhoods have already sent in their dues, and greater feeling of co-operation and harmony has come between the local organizations and the State body. Also at this annual meeting it was voted upon and carried, that we hold our Annual meeting in co-junction with the convention of the Nebraska Synod, and your Executive Committee has granted us the privilege of meeting Tuesday afternoon, May 9th, 4:00 p. m., closing with a Brotherhood banquet at 6 p. m., at which time Mr. J. K. Jensen, Lay member of the U. L. C. A. Executive committee, will give us the address. May we invite each pastor and lay delegate to be present at this banquet.

Wish to report to you that at the present we have seventeen organized Brotherhoods in our Nebraska Synod.

May the Lord bless you in your convention, that all matters be brought before this body may be to the furthering of our beloved Church, and it is our hope and prayer that we as Synod and Brotherhood, may work together to win souls for Christ, and to the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. F. Kedde, president.

President Hershey announced the Special Committees.

Dr. W. T. Kahse brought greetings to Synod from the Rev. George Flora, now a missionary in Liberia, Africa.

A motion prevailed that greetings from our Synod be sent to the Iowa, the Rocky Mountain, the Pacific and the Midwest Synods at their Annual Conventions.

The Rev. R. E. Rangeler read a letter from the Rev. J. L. Neve, D. D., Th. D., concerning three volumes which he has ready for publication on "Churches and Sects of Christendom."

Prayers were offered by the Rev. W. C. Stump and Dr. L. H. Lesher, and the session adjourned at 4:05 p. m.

BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION AND BANQUET

At 4:10 Tuesday afternoon the State Brotherhood held its Annual Convention with President Wm. F. Kedde presiding. The Brotherhood Banquet was held at 6:30 p. m., Mr. J. K. Jensen being the speaker.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services were conducted by Chaplain C. H. Berhenke at 8:45 a. m.

The business session was convened at 9:15 a. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. G. E. Moeller and the Rev. G. P. Krebs.

Forty-seven pastors and thirty lay delegates responded to roll call.

The Minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order for the session.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by Dr. C. B. Harman. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On September 29, 1939, the convenor Dr. C. B. Harman asked the members of the committee to cast their votes by mail for officers of the committee. The following were elected: Dr. C. B. Harman, chairman, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, treasurer and Rev. A. W. Young, secretary.

The committee distributed funds turned over by the treasurer of synod as follows: Lawrence Vosseler $200.00.

The committee distributed funds furnished by two interested persons as follows: Karl Gigstad $100.00.

The committee granted a year's extension on a note signed by Howard Wharton.

The treasurer of the committee has returned notes to two men who have now fulfilled their obligations to synod.

Applications for aid were received from five men and upon approval of their formal applications aid is to be granted as follows:

Karl Gigstad, a middler in the Seminary, $100.00.
Lawrence Vosseler, a middler in the Seminary, $100.00.
Harry Mumm, a junior in college, $125.00.
Kenneth de Freese, a junior in the Seminary, $100.00.
Paul de Freese, a senior in college, $125.00.

The committee had a balance on hand at last meeting of Synod of $621.43. Received $73.00 from synod and a gift of $100.00. With disbursements of $300.00 a balance of $494.43 is now on hand.

C. B. Harman, Chairman.

The Report of the Protocol Committee was presented by the Rev. G. P. Krebs.

REPORT OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Your committee has examined and compared the Protocol and the printed minutes of the 66th annual convention of Synod.

We find the following appearing in the Protocol but not in the printed minutes:

Regarding the seating of women at Synod.

In the Parish and Church School report recommendation 4 is marked 3 and recommendation 4 omitted.

The following appears in the printed minutes and not in the Protocol:

The Missionary Committee Treasurer's report.

The printed minutes also shows in the Calendar for 1939 that the Ordination Sermon is to be preached by Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, and Alternate, Rev. T. D. Rinde while the Protocol shows Rev. T. D. Rinde, and Alternate Rev. W. Voss.

Respectfully submitted,
George P. Krebs, Chairman.

The Report of the Synodical Paper Committee was presented by the Rev. E. N. Haugse. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER

Due to the shortage of funds in the Synodical treasury, the Executive Committee of Synod voted to suspend the publication of the Synodical Paper until the 1939 Convention of Synod.

Recommendation

That Synod authorize the publication of a Synodical paper under the supervision of the Executive Committee until the 1940 meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey.

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by the Rev. E. C. Mortensen.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Our synodical treasurer made the statement in his report last year that "the payments on synodical apportionment have fallen to the lowest ebb in many years." Only about 42% of the Synod's 1937 Apportionment was raised, and for the same period of time the treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America reported only about 48% paid. We may think that these low Benevolence figures are the result of the present economic depression, but that is only partially true. In the good years we never reached 100%.

We believe that 100% of the Benevolences would be met if all the members of our Church had a true vision of Christian Stewardship. We heartily commend the full use of all the facilities that our Church offers us in the varied literature available. The Laymen's Movement for Stewardship (700 Chandler Bldg., Washington, D. C.) offers us annually many good helps for the Every Member Visitation and Stewardship in general. One great help which we have thru this great agency of our Church is the 300 volume Circulating Library. A folder listing the books will be sent any one for the asking, and the only expense for the use of the books is the return postage.

We urge upon all our churches the full use of these books, and that all our organizations within our congregations be made alive to the mighty challenge of Christian Stewardship, by inaugurating study classes in this subject. Thus shall arise a more consecrated and stewardship-conscious laity in our Lutheran Church, and thus shall be released much needed wealth in all fields of the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Mortensen.

The Report of the Midland Assembly Board of Directors was presented by the Rev. T. D. Rinde.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY

The Sixteenth Annual Midland Assembly for Church Workers was held July 31 to August 5, 1938, on the Midland College Campus in Fremont, Nebraska. Each day was opened with a devotional service at 7:30 a. m., under the leadership of Dr. W. T. Kahse of Sidney, Nebr. Dr. Kahse's themes were: "Abraham, the Friend of God;" "Moses, the Chosen Leader;" "David, the Anointed of God;" "Paul, the Chosen Vessel;" "Our Lives, Witnesses for God."

Two hours each morning were devoted to Credit Courses. Miss Mabel Elsie Locker, of the Parish and Church School Board, taught the course, "Guiding Children in Christian Growth," and the Rev. A. S. Pannbacker of Hooper, Nebr., taught "The Old Testament." Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, of the Parish and Church School Board, acted as Dean for these Leadership Training Courses.

The Pastors' Hour was in charge of the Rev. R. H. Benting, D. D., of Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme for this hour was "Administration of the Modern Lutheran Church."

The discussion of the Foreign Mission Study Book, "Moving Millions," was led by Miss Edith Puls of Omaha, Nebr., and the discussions on the Home Mission Study Book, "City Shadows," were in charge of Mrs. John I. Meck of Racine, Wisconsin.

During the "General Lecture Hour" addresses were given by Miss Mae Rohlfs, missionary on furlough from China; Dr. Arline Beal, recently retired from missionary service in India; Mrs. Meck, Dr. Benting and Miss Locker.

The Youth Assembly for children from 12 to 15 was under the direction of the Rev. August W. Gruhn of Des Moines, Iowa. Assisting in this department were Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Mr. Paul Lewis, Miss Geraldine Schafersman and Mrs. Victor Spirk.

Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City, Nebr., again was superintendent of the Junior Assembly for children from 3 to 12 years of age. She was assisted by Miss Ruth Benner, Miss Mary Marx and Mrs. Edward Lenz.

Each department of the Midland Assembly had a very successful session. There is a growing interest on this territory in the work the Assembly is doing.

The following leaders will be members of the Faculty for the Seventeenth Annual Midland Assembly to be held July 30 to August 4, 1939: Dr. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. E. E. Flack, professor at Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio; Miss Ruth Juram, General Promotional Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A.; Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Associate Secretary for the Children of the Church; Miss Mette Blair, on furlough from India; Mrs. G. K. Mykland of Chapman, Kansas; Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City, Nebraska.

Thomas D. Rinde,
President of Midland Assembly.

The Report of the Young People's Committee was presented by the Rev. C. H. Berhenke. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Considerable progress has been made during the past year in getting greater recognition of the young people of our synod, especially in the Senior and Intermediate Luther-League age groups.

Two members of the committee are on the Camp Committee of the Luther League. Other members have been active in an advisory capacity to the State Luther League officers.

May we at this point present the report of the State Luther League president, Mr. Maurice Dasenbrock.

An inquiry concerning young people's work was sent to all members of the synod and received a very fine response. In following up these contacts and suggestions, considerable advance has been made.

In an effort to reach the Leagues of the state and also the young people of the state not affiliated in the Luther Leagues, the Conference presidents have been approached concerning a Conference program for young people.

Associations with the Committee on Young People of the Synod of the Midwest have been cordial. Representatives from the Midwest Synod are sharing in the League Camp program and delegates from the League of the Midwest are planning on attending. Exchanges of delegates with the Kansas League is also planned.

Recommendations

1. We hereby recommend that the Young People's Committee of Synod be instructed to formulate a program of young people's work with the intent that this said program be carried into effect as soon as possible.

It is suggested that this work be carried on through the Conferences.

It is further suggested that in this program all youth of the church be included.

2. That this Committee be directed to survey the work of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls of America and recommend to the next Convention of Synod what our relationship to these groups should be.

C. H. Berhenke.

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA

The Luther League of Nebraska is in a healthy state. This is indicated by the renewed interest of our local leaguers, through the response given our League paper, the NEBRASKA NO-AWL. At the close of our camp-convention in August 1938, the paper was sent to approximately four hundred Leaguers. The circulation of the last issue exceeded nine hundred. This is a very good meeting place for

ideas. They can be exchanged easily, news from other leagues makes a feeling of oneness prevail. The paper is subsidized by the state League, whereas all former publications were issued to subscribers only. This of course is a heavy load for the League to carry but most of the Leagues are helping to finance the paper with contributions.

The membership of the State League is growing correspondingly. The statistical report of 1938 showed approximately three hundred and forty-five members, whereas the report for 1939 shows an increase of almost one hundred members. We have also taken two new leagues in as members of the State organization.

This growth is very gratifying, but we should not be content. If we cease to progress, we are actually slipping. A careful analysis of the problems of the League and a study of methods of overcoming these problems must be made.

One of the most important problems confronting the Luther League of Nebraska today is the fact that we are not reaching all our members. Our camp conventions in the first place, appeal to young people of intermediate age to a great extent. Many senior Leaguers that would like to attend are unable to do so. Since we have our convention in conjunction with our camping period, it is impossible for these senior Leaguers to take part in the administration of the Leagues' business. However, a return to the old system of city conventions would not be advisable. The problem needs solving. It is further complicated by the fact that we are reaching only the eastern members of our organization. Since we hold our camp convention at Columbus it is quite a way for league members to come from the western part of the state. Some means for including these western leagues in our conventions must be devised.

Another grave problem confronting the League is the indifference and even antagonism directed to the League from some of the members of Synod. On many occasions our efforts at expansion are held up by a disregard of our request for cooperation. There seems to exist an idea among some members of Synod that there is no need of a young people's organization in our congregations or if there has been one established, no need of an affiliation with the state League. We sincerely hope that a better understanding of the aims and program of the Luther League will help correct this. The Luther League is anxious for criticisms, and any suggestions sent to us will be given careful consideration. It seems that there is a lack of unity among the auxiliaries of the church, each has become independent of the other, and no exchange of ideas, assistance and information exists. Something should be done to further a feeling of brotherhood, of problems overcome only through the combined efforts of members of the church.

It seems apparent that the Luther League of Nebraska in the past has been too independent of Synod. There is a need for the stabilizing influence of more mature minds. Older members of Synod have had the benefits of experience and education. Because of this, and in an effort to achieve closer cooperation between the League and Synod, I feel that Synod should instruct the Young People's Committee to draft a list of recommendations and a plan for the league to use in preparing its program. In connection with this there are some very interesting comparisons to be made of the cooperation of other Synods with the Leagues of their Synods.

Of twenty-nine leagues reporting, twenty-six received no financial aid from their respective Synods, while three were subsidized.

It would seem therefore, that not many of the Synodical organizations are subsidizing their Leagues to any appreciable extent. However, I feel that the Synod should help the Luther League plan an educational campaign, even to the giving of financial aid.

In any event, the Synod of Nebraska shall always find the Luther League of Nebraska squarely behind their program. Everything possible that can be done to further the work of the United Lutheran

Church through the Synod of Nebraska will meet with the hearty support of the Luther League of Nebraska.

May God, in His saving Grace, Bless the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Dasenbrock,
Pres. of Luther League of Neb.

Greetings and the Report of the Women's Missionary Society were brought to Synod by the President, Mrs. F. C. Wiegman.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of this Synod held its annual Convention in conjunction with the Midland Assembly July 31st to August 5, 1938, at Fremont, Nebraska. Copies of the program, reports and minutes have been deposited with your Secretary for your permanent records and are open for your inspection at any time.

During the year ending June 30th, 1938, we had reported 36 Congregational women's societies and 30 young women's societies in the Synod with a total membership of 1030. The sum of $5848.02 was collected by our treasurer for all purposes during the year, details of which will be found in the annual convention reports.

Six Conferences in six districts were held in addition to the annual convention. These serve the purpose of District Rallies.

Officers were elected at the Convention as follows:

President, Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, Fremont.
Vice Pres., Mrs. Wm. C. Stump, Omaha.
Secretary, Miss Lulu James, Emerson.
Treasurer, Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln.
Stat. Secr., Mrs. B. F. Gayton, Fremont.

These officers, together with the Young Women's Advisor, Miss Frances Lolling of Lincoln, and our General Board Representative, Mrs. Lad J. Skocpol of Crete form our Executive Board which has met at regular intervals to transact the business of the Society.

Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City, the appointed State Secretary of the Children of the Church, has been working through our societies to establish this new program within the Congregations of the Synod. She will gladly assist any Congregation and give out any information in regard to the program of the Children of the Church at any time. This work takes the place of our former Light Brigade work and, according to Headquarters, Miss Jorn will report to us at our next Convention.

We would humbly ask any Congregation which has formed or is planning to form a Union of all Women's work within that Congregation, to carefully consider the value of its Missionary Society to the general spiritual welfare of that Congregation, and that if, and when such a Union is formed, due consideration be given to the obligations which any society has to the General Society of the U. L. C. A. of which it is a member, especially its obligations to the financial program which the General Society must carry through, in order to meet its budget of obligatory missionary activities.

As a Missionary Society we are now considered an auxiliary of this Synod. We do not like to be considered as an outlet for the overflow or excess Missionary Spirit of the Congregation. Rather consider us the leaven of that Missionary Spirit, which, with education and spiritual influence throughout the entire membership of that Congregation, will spread the desire to bring others to Christ. It has been said, that "The Mission of the Church is Missions." We therefore stand willing and anxious to co-operate with the church in the whole program of the whole church.

We wish to thank the members of this Synod, individually and collectively, for their hearty co-operation with us in the past, and pledge to them our steadfast loyalty in the great privilege of helping to bring the Kingdom of God to all the world.

Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, Pres.

The Rev. H. M. Henriksen, father of the Rev. Harold Henriksen, was introduced to Synod.

The Historian's Report was presented by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Due to the very recent death of Dr. Luther M. Kuhns, for many years the historian of Synod, and the fact that documents in his files have not yet been transferred, this report will naturally be brief and incomplete.

St. Paul's, Falls City, Rev. H. C. Cordts, pastor, celebrated its 25th anniversary November 20-27, 1938, with a week of services. Special speakers for the occasion were Rev. Wm. T. Kahse, D. D., founder of the congregation, the president of Synod, the Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., and Rev. Martin Schroeder, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of American Missions for the Midwest Synod. The series of meetings included a touching Memorial Service on the opening Sunday and concluded with two Communion services on the following Sunday, one in the German language and the evening Communion in the English language.

First Church, Wilber, Rev. C. M. Alexander, pastor, celebrated its Golden Jubilee early in the year. Former pastors including Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, now Field Secretary of the Church and Parish School Board, Dr. J. S. Leamer and Rev. W. A. Klink and President Hershey were the invited speakers. Mrs. V. M. Spirk, a daughter of the former Rev. E. Bollman who served the congregation 1901-1902 was in charge of the anniversary music.

On Sunday, April 23, 1939, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hooper observed Founder's Day and the opening of its 25th anniversary year with three special services. This work started in the City Hall was fostered by Rev. L. J. Powell of West Point, at that time President of Synod who called Rev. Wm. T. Kahse, the missionary superintendent to organize the work into a new congregation. The morning service had as its speakers, the Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., President of Synod who brought the synodical greetings; the Rev. Wm. T. Kahse, D. D., who gave the Church History; the Rev. K. de Freese, D. D., who delivered the message "Traveling Companions," and the Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., Dean of Western Seminary who offered prayer and pronounced the Benediction. The afternoon speaker was the Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., who spoke on "Making or Marking Time." The evening speaker was Rev. W. H. Moeller who delivered a message on "The Everlasting Foundation." Music was furnished by the Senior and Young People's Choirs.

Grace, Omaha, Rev. Henry J. Goede, pastor, celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary on Sunday, April 30, 1939 with two special services and a banquet. Special speakers for the anniversary services were the Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., Rev. Fred Wiegman and Rev. Alfred W. Young. The Banquet program included addresses from representatives of the Omaha Council of Churches, the Lutheran Ministerial Association, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor of the City, the Hon. Dan. B. Butler.

A record of pastors received into Synod during the year appears in the President's Report.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Keller Rubrecht.

A motion carried that the morning session adjourn at 11 o'clock so that the three Conferences might have time to meet.

A special order of business was declared and invitations for the 1940 Annual Convention of Synod were received. Invitations were presented by the congregations at Grand Is-

land, North Platte, Falls City and Hooper. The invitations from North Platte, Falls City and Hooper were withdrawn in favor of Grand Island.

A motion carried that Synod unanimously accept the invitation to hold its 1940 Convention in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Attorney Maynard Grosshans was introduced to Synod and brought greetings from the Mayor and City Council of York.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. L. H. de Freese and the Rev. H. C. Cordts. The Session adjourned at 11 o'clock.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Executive Session convened at 11:30 Wednesday morning. Prayers were offered by the Rev. H. J. Goede and Dr. W. T. Kahse.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by the Rev. W. A. Voss. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee met May 10, 1939, at York, Nebr. The following members were present: Rev. W. A. Voss, Rev. H. A. Teckhaus, Rev. G. Gieschen, Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. A. W. Young.

The candidates presenting themselves for examination were Paul Wiegman and Andrew Fuhrmeister, both middlers in the Western Seminary.

The committee recommends as follows:

1. That Paul Wiegman, having passed in a satisfactory manner the examination, but not having received a regular call, be licensed by the president of Synod upon receipt of such a call.
2. That Andrew Fuhrmeister, having passed in a satisfactory manner the examination, but not having received a regular call, be licensed by the president of Synod upon receipt of such a call.
3. That Synod consider the matter of licensure itself, studying carefully the action of the United Lutheran Church at the Baltimore Convention. See Page 69 in Minutes.

During the past year the committee examined the credentials of the following men and approved their entrance into Synod: Rev. F. W. Henkel, Rev. H. J. Goede, Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D., and Rev. M. M. Smeal.

Walter A. Voss, Chairman.

The Committee on Letters and Papers presented a request from the Rev. Walter J. Chittenden for a letter of dismissal from our Synod to the United Brethren Church. A motion carried that this request be referred to the Executive Committee and the Ministerial Education Committee with power to act.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. C. Wiegman and the session adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Synod re-convened at 2:05 p. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. W. S. Livers and the Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order for the session.

The Rev. F. W. Nolte, D. D., President of the Synod of

the Midwest, and the Rev. B. R. Lantz, D. D., were introduced as the fraternal delegates from the Synod of the Midwest and the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, respectively. Both men brought greetings from their respective Synods.

The Rev. A. Lentz and the Rev. G. Wiencke, Secretary and Treasurer of the Synod of the Midwest, respectively, were introduced to Synod.

A motion carried that the delegates from our sister Synods be given the privilege of the floor.

A motion carried that a service for Wednesday evening be arranged by the officers of Synod.

Greetings were read from the Illinois Synod. A motion carried that greetings be sent to the Illinois Synod.

The Report of the Missionary Committee was presented by President J. C. Hershey.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Three regular and one special meetings were held. The officers are Mr. Otto Nelson, President; Albert Hedelund, Treasurer, and J. C. Hershey, Secretary. We offer the following report for the year.

Broadwater. Organized July, 1934. Rev. E. F. Rohlfing has been the pastor since September 1st, 1937. During his pastorate the communing membership has increased from 80 to 112, the Church School enrollment from 90 to 104. In this Mission there is an active Missionary Society of 26 members and a Brotherhood of 15. Considering that the drought has caused 20 members to move from the parish, we commend this young congregation for the fine work they are doing.

Columbus. Organized in 1931. Rev. E. A. Dorner has been the pastor since December 2nd, 1936. During his pastorate the communing membership has increased from 59 to 85. Last year 72 were reported. There has been a decrease of 1 in the average attendance of the Church School. Our Committee has decreased its financial support to this Mission $5.00 per month. It now contributes $35.00 per month towards the pastor's salary.

Ericson. Organized in 1898. Rev. E. N. Haugse has been the pastor since May 1st, 1938. Because of distance from Wolbach this congregation has not had regular services until last November. Caring for Ericson with Wolbach requires from 400 to 500 miles extra traveling per month for Rev. Haugse. The response has been excellent. Persons in and around Ericson are interested. Five have recently united with the church and there are good prospects for many more in the near future. Our Committee contributes $10.00 per month towards this work. Rev. Haugse preaches in Wolbach in the morning and at Ericson in the evening.

Omaha, Luther Memorial. Organized and became a member of Synod in May, 1936. Rev. G. E. Moeller, who is the first regular pastor, began his services in this youngest of our Missions October 24, 1937. At present this congregation worships in a rented chapel located on 52nd and Dodge streets. The three lots owned by this congregation are located on 53rd and Seward streets. The Board of American Missions has approved them for a building site. Plans have been drawn up and the congregation is now busy gathering money for their new building. The communing membership has increased from 35 to 38 and the Church School enrollment from 23 to 41. A Luther League has been organized with an enrollment of 11. Due to the fact that this congregation is worshiping in a temporary location, some distance from where they will finally locate, it is very difficult to induce others to unite with them. Quite a number of Lutherans, not attending else-

where, have signified their intention of uniting with Luther Memorial as soon as they have a permanent church building.

Scribner. Organized April, 1935. Rev. A. W. Young is the first pastor. This congregation continues to worship in a theater building. They are looking for a suitable location. Like many other congregations in the drought area they have not made much progress in a material way in recent years. However, they are growing in numbers and a fine spirit prevails. One or two crops and this Mission will have a house of their own in which to worship. They now report a communing membership of 165, an increase of 17 over last year.

Lisco. Last year we reported that a call had come from this field for services. Due to the fact that the Mid-West Synod had been serving this field from Lodgepole and reported at their Synodical meeting last May that this field was needed to help support Lodgepole, nothing has been done by our Synod.

Dakota City, Emmanuel. This parish has been served by seminary students with occasional services. Your Missionary Superintendent preached and administered the Lord's Supper to them Easter Sunday. 18 communed.

Spencer. Organized 1930. Rev. A. L. Mendenhall became the pastor February 15, 1938. The continued drought is making itself felt in this parish by many members moving away. However, this congregation is moving forward in a courageous way. It completed its payments to the Board of Church Extension last July and now have their church property free of indebtedness. Last year they purchased a parsonage and by regular monthly payments will soon have it paid for. We commend them highly for the faith, courage and progress they are making.

The Board of American Missions is helping our Synod to the extent of $1920. This amount is distributed among four congregations as follows: Broadwater $480; Luther Memorial $600; Scribner $500, and Spencer $340.

The following congregations received from the Board of American Missions an emergency grant of $100 each last year: Wilber, Hampton, Leigh, Stamford and Hardy.

We hereby express our thanks to the Board of American Missions for their consideration of the work in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Hershey.

A motion carried that the Executive Committee act on the Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee and the Auditor's Report so that these reports can be included in the printed Minutes.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee sent out letters to all of the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents of the Synod stressing the observance of the Epiphany Season by emphasizing the appeal of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Committee urges all pastors and congregations to make every effort to raise the full apportioned benevolence so that the cause of Foreign Missions may not be hampered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Pinkall.

The Report of the Inner Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. J. C. Miller.

INNER MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The only matter before the committee is that which is contained

in the U. L. C. A. Minutes for 1938. "The executive board has had the matter of merging the Inner Mission Board, the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare and the Committee on Evangelism before it throughout the biennium. The outcome of many conferences and discussions was presented to the Executive Board in two successive meetings.

Article I of the Constitution of the Board of Social Missions as presented by the Executive Committee is as follows:

Section I. This board, established under the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, Article XIII, shall be known under the name and title of the Board of Social Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 3. This board shall be the legal successor to all the rights and properties of the Inner Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, Inc., the Committee on Evangelism, and the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, and shall perpetuate, carry on, expand, develop and further any and all of the purposes, objectives and work embraced in or carried on by the said board and committees, and with all the powers, duties and prerogatives committed or given to said board and committees respectively.

Article II. Object. The object of this board shall be to promote the causes of evangelism, inner mission, and social welfare in the name of The United Lutheran Church in America, and in accordance with the constitution, acts and rulings of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Committee urges all Pastors to read the Minutes of the Eleventh Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America. Also that the Pastors make a special effort to observe Inner Mission Month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Miller.

The Report of the Inter-Synodical Mission Committee was presented by President J. C. Hershey.

REPORT OF THE INTER-SYNODICAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

The Inter-Synodical Joint Committee on Missions met at Fremont April 21st, 1939 at 3:00 P. M. There were present from the Mid-West Synod Dr. F. C. Schuldt and Rev. G. F. R. Duhrkop, and from the Nebraska Synod Mr. Otto Nelson, Rev. T. D. Rinde and Dr. J. C. Hershey.

Officers elected were Dr. J. C. Hershey, president, and Rev. G. F. R. Duhrkop secretary.

Because the field at Lisco is needed to help support the work at Lodgepole, this field was turned back to the Mid-West Synod.

The work in the Southwestern part of the state, in and around Lyons, and in Washington County was reassigned to the Mid-West Synod. The work at David City, Superior, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell, Bridgeport and Clarks was reassigned to the Nebraska Synod for development, if advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Hershey.

Mr. J. K. Jensen, representative of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, spoke to Synod on the work of the several Boards of the Church.

The Report of the Trustees on the Midland College Board was presented by the Rev. E. C. Mortensen. Dr. B. R. Lantz, representing Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, spoke to this Report.

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

We wish to begin our report with a hearty commendation of what

appears to us as a definite attempt at improvement in the spirit of our institution. The Faculty Advisory Committee has done some very commendable work in raising the standard of the school. A more determined effort has also been made to give the student body a satisfying and uplifting social program, which in turn will lessen the clamor for the supervised dance denied them by the vote of our Board of Trustees.

The Faculty consists of 23 who are actually teaching in the various departments, Dr. H. F. Martin's position being administrative. Miss Lozetta Gulleen teaches junior piano, and Mr. Widegren is the instructor in violin.

The enrollment of Midland College stands at 291 students, divided as follows: 39 are seniors; 33 are juniors; 70 are sophomores; 135 are freshmen; and 14 are irregular.

The old men's dormitory has been razed and the grounds landscaped. The Fremont campaign for funds for a new men's dormitory has been postponed several times, because of unfavorable local financial conditions.

The young women's dormitory has housed 48 this year, having a capacity of 70. This is about the same as last year. A thermostat has been installed to improve the heating of the dormitory, and a new set of rates on the rooms has been made to induce more young women to make it their home. The absence of a man's dormitory on the campus has had an unfavorable effect on the total of the young women who live at their dormitory.

About 77 students are now eating at the dining hall, which is about 20 less than a year ago. The decrease is due largely to girls living 3 or 4 together and doing light house keeping. Reduction has been made in the price of meals at the dining hall. It is hoped this will attract others to the dining hall.

The Western Theological Seminary has seven students. One is a senior who will graduate this spring. Three are juniors and three are middlers. We feel that our Seminary faculty should be given the task of inaugurating a definite enrollment of men for the Gospel Ministry, and should pass upon their fitness for this work, urging all who show by life and spirit that they have truly heard God's Call into the Gospel Ministry, to continue in the work, and guiding all, who show by life and spirit that they are manifestly not fitted for the ministry, into some other useful work.

The 1939 trip of the Midland College A Cappella Choir was taken through the territory of parts of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. It is reported a greater success in every way than any previous one.

Midland College has secured a loan of $80,000.00 to take up the old bonds and meet pressing obligations. This loan has been secured on an amortization basis according to which monthly payments of $506.12 must be made for a period of 20 years.

Here we insert the financial statement of income and expense for the first semester of 1938-39 showing a current operating deficit of $7,861.91.

INCOME

Educational and General			
College—Tuition and Fees		19,908.81	
Extension School, " "		695.00	
School of Music " "		1,494.75	
Seminary " "		60.00	22,158.56
Endowment Investments			
Interest on R. E. Mtg.		871.05	
Interest on Securities		448.00	
Real Estate Rentals	1,248.63		
Less Oper. Exp.	783.89	464.74	1,783.79

Gifts and Grants			
Board of Educ—ULCA		3,500.00	
Synod Apportionments		2,682.82	
Special Subscriptions		5.00	
Sustaining Memberships		25.00	6,212.82
Sales and Services			
Tea. Place. Bur. Fees		31.00	
Transcript & Sundry Fees		23.50	
Int. on Student Notes		15.17	69.67
Other Sources			
Rental of Ins. Prop.	276.00		
Less Op. Exp.	241.05	34.95	34.95
Total Education & General			$30,259.79
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Dormitories		1,687.75	
Dining Hall		6,767.19	
Book Store		2,773.04	
Intercollegiate Athletics		2,775.06	
The Midland		393.11	
Forensics		201.75	
Dramatics		411.30	
A Cappella Choir		226.71	
Students Council		280.88	
Total Auxiliary Enterprises			$15,516.79
Income from Sundry Sources			
Sundry Items		22.64	22.64
Total Income			$45,799.22
Current Operating Deficit			$-7,861.91

EXPENSE

Educational & General			
Genl. Adm. & Genl. Exp.		7,759.51	
Instructional		20,288.65	
Library		730.74	
Op. & Maint. College	5,281.89		
Seminary	611.92	5,893.81	
Teachers Placement Bureau		2.84	
Total Educational & General			$34,675.55
Auxiliary Enterprises			
Dormitories		388.42	
Dining Hall		6,208.31	
Book Store		3,698.75	
Intercollegiate Athletics		3,730.53	
The Midland		541.65	
Forensics		97.48	
Dramatics		363.43	
A Cappella Choir		226.14	
Students Council		263.40	
			$15,518.11
Other Non-Educational Expense			
Audit		150.00	
Interest Paid		3,184.42	
Misc. Non-Educ. Exp.		133.05	3,467.47
Total Expense			$53,661.13

In closing let us say that we are greatly interested in the size of the student body of Midland College and Western Seminary, and we

are concerned that Midland should have a good and a high rating—yes, good enough to belong to the North Central Association—but as trustees and as a Church we are much more concerned that our faculty members shall be of a high Christian type, who will lead our sons and daughters to the Source of all true Wisdom, and who will make Christ and Christianity attractive to them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Mortensen.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. Harold Henriksen and the Rev. C. H. Berhenke and the session adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. L. M. KUHNS

At 4:45 p. m. a memorial service was held for Dr. L. M. Kuhns who was the Senior member of Synod and the Historian at the time of his death. The service was in charge of Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, Necrologist. Dr. C. B. Harman spoke on the theme "As I knew him," and Dr. W. T. Kahse on the theme "As a servant of the church."

Report of the Necrologist was presented by Dr. G. Keller Rubrecht.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

Death invaded our ranks in March of this year and garnered into Life Eternal one of our most distinguished and honored members.

Luther Melanchthon Kuhns, son of Henry Welty and Charlotte Josepha (Hay) Kuhns, was born in Omaha, Nebr., December 10, 1861, and departed this life March 18, 1939. He was a clergyman and editor. He attended Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., 1878-9, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., 1879-80, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. from Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa., in 1883, and from Gettysburg Seminary in 1886. The same year he received the degree of A. M. from Gettysburg College. In 1919 Gettysburg College honored him with the degree of Litt. D., and in 1938 Midland College bestowed on him the degree of LL. D.

Dr. Kuhns was ordained in 1886 and became pastor at Freeport and Braddock, Pa., 1886-87. He was founder and pastor of Grace Church, Omaha, 1887-1903; General Secretary of the Luther League of America 1902-1916, and Literature Secretary of the same 1916-1919. He was associate editor of The Luther League Review 1895-1916, editor since 1916, and editor of Luther League Topics 1916-1919. He was secretary of the Traveling Secretary Committee (Missionary) of the Nebraska Synod 1888-1904, president of the Nebraska Synod 1899-1902, trustee of Midland College for three terms; member of the Trans-Mississippi Historical Society, Nebraska Academy of Sciences; author of the Luther League Handbook 1906, and of various pamphlets on religious topics. He was frequently delegate to the conventions of the General Synod, and a delegate to the merger meeting of the United Lutheran Church in America in 1918.

Dr. Kuhns was a great traveler, and made a tour of the world in 1908-1909, visiting missions and establishing branches of the Luther League, and later traveled in India visiting ten missions there. He was chairman of Welfare Work for Soldiers and Sailors in Nebraska and other states; also chairman for Nebraska in Reconstruction Work after the World War for the Lutheran Church and was interested in Polish Relief.

Dr. Kuhns never married. He is survived by two nephews, Barton H. Kuhns of Omaha, and Henry W. Kuhns of Tempe, Ariz., and two nieces, Betty Jean and Ruth May Kuhns, both of Tempe.

The funeral service was held in Omaha March 21 with Dr. Walter H. Traub, pastor of Kountze Memorial Church, preaching the sermon.

Dr. J. C. Hershey, president of the Nebraska Synod, and the Rev. T. D. Rinde, secretary of Synod, conducted the service. Dr. Holmes Dysinger offered the prayer. Interment took place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

Dr. Kuhns entered our Synod in 1888 two years after his ordination and retained his membership with us until the day of his death. He was the senior member of our Ministerium for many years, knew our Synod and the history of our churches, the early churches in particular, better than any one else in the church. Historical matters interested him much. In his files will be found a vast amount of carefully assorted and accurate historical material which will be of great value to future historians of the church. His necrological notes and obituaries of deceased members of Synod will never be surpassed. A truly great man has been taken away from us. We humbly submit highest tribute to him who did so much for our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Keller Rubrecht.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At 8 p. m. Wednesday a worship service was held. Mr. J. K. Jensen and Dr. G. K. Rubrecht were the speakers. The choir of the host congregation presented special music.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional services were conducted by Chaplain C. H. Berhenke at 8:45 a. m.

The business session was called to order by President J. C. Hershey at 9:20 a. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. C. M. N. Alexander and the Rev. J. C. Miller.

Forty-two pastors and twenty-three lay delegates responded to roll call.

The Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented a substitute for Recommendation 5 in its original Report. The substitute was adopted.

A motion carried that only the totals in the financial part of the Report of the Midland College Trustees be included in the printed Minutes.

The Report of the Merger Committee was presented by President Hershey.

REPORT OF MERGER COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Merger met with similar Committees from the Iowa, Kansas and Midwest Synods on February 15, 1939. There was present at this meeting also, Dr. A. E. Bell, Dr. H. H. Bagger and Dr. Paul Krauss, members of the Committee on Constituent Synods of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America. The meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. A. E. Bell presided.

A second meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 14th, 1939, the Committees from the Kansas, Midwest and the Nebraska Synods being present. Dr. J. C. Hershey was made Convenor of this second meeting and Rev. A. Lentz acted as Secretary at both meetings.

The work of this Joint Committee on Merger is contained in the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for a merged Synod on the territory of the Synods represented on the Committee. This proposed Constitution and By-Laws was sent out to all the pastors and other leaders in the respective Synods.

Your Committee will appreciate expressions of opinion on this

proposed Constitution and By-Laws for guidance in the further negotiations of the Joint Committee on Merger.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

A motion carried that the Merger Committee be continued without instructions.

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler. Dr. M. A. Ritzen, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, was introduced to Synod and spoke to this Report. No action was taken on Recommendation 1 since that item was taken care of by the Synodical Budget. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

To show a great faith by great works is the task of the Christian Church today. Not the least of these works of faith is the Inner Mission work of our Church, and Tabitha Home is the one institution of our Church on our territory that serves for us in the name of Christ. A second conviction of the Church is this—it is just as important to minister to the souls of men as to the bodily necessities. This conviction undergirds the Inner Mission work of our Church. We dare not leave out the love of Christ in serving our fellowmen. It must be definitely Christian service as far as the Church is concerned.

With these two ideas uppermost in mind, Tabitha Home has continued its work during the past year. 73 aged and 69 children received the love and care of a Church institution during this past year and the Tabitha family now numbers 59 aged and 55 children.

Financially the past year has revealed that sources of larger income during the past years are decreasing. A large decrease is noted in income from bequests; the U. L. C. A. apportionment for Tabitha Home is decreased by more than 50%, and those seeking admission have much less to turn over to Tabitha Home. On the other hand the receipts from the constitutent Synods show a slight increase, and for this Tabitha is very thankful. Congregations and Societies have supplied Tabitha Home with an abundance of food, much clothing and other supplies of real value and usefulness. The current operating deficit has been held to around $3,200.00. We must prevail upon the people of our Churches for more bequests and cash donations.

In April of 1938 Sister Ida returned to the Baltimore Motherhouse, having served for 29 years. Sister Eva Witmeyer is now the directing Deaconess of Tabitha Home. Many items of repair and improvement are also noted: a new school bus replaces the old one in use the past ten years, and the boys' building was equipped with an individual heating plant and proves to be very economical. Much yard work was done to remove the marks of the drought years.

The Board at its annual meeting in March of 1939 made plans for the 1940 appeal to the Church for the sum of $100,000.00 with which to replace the main building. The Board plans an economical appeal that will be free of extravagant expenditures and that will depend upon the loyal support of the many friends of Tabitha Home.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that Tabitha Home again be granted 10% of the apportionment of Synod.

2. We recommend that Synod accept in principle the appeal plan and that the Executive Committee appoint a Committee of three to cooperate with Tabitha Home in the carrying out of this appeal.

Receipts

Aged Department	$ 9,406.46
Children's Department	2,033.33
Donations	7,541.55
United Lutheran Church	1,030.00
District Synods	3,810.80
Bequests	1,683.27
Messenger Subscriptions	7.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	179.19
Interest	317.03
Refund on Insurance	80.12
Lincoln Community Chest	2,984.15
	$29,073.40
Borrowed from Building Fund	4,500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1938	862.71
Total	$34,436.11
Disbursements	33,111.02
Balance Jan. 1, 1939	$ 1,325.09

Disbursements

Automobile Expenses	$ 662.85
Clothing	299.72
Food	6,882.79
Fuel	2,063.06
Freight, express and postage	160.56
Funeral Expenses	301.00
Hospital, medical and drugs	909.46
House Supplies	1,084.78
Interest	402.25
Insurance	890.77
Laundry	1,621.07
Legal and Auditing	390.00
Light, power and gas	1,089.42
Miscellaneous Expenses	826.50
Printing	455.92
Repairs	1,323.64
Salaries	10,766.98
Taxes	87.01
Telephones	193.08
Travel: Supt. Board and Deaconesses	379.73
Water	286.86
Yard Improvement	299.49
New Bus	1,570.24
Refund	12.20
Aged Allowance and Insurance	151.62
Disbursements	$33,111.02
Nebraska Synod Apportionment	$ 1,868.95
Donations	1,180.95
Total	$ 3,049.90
Midwest Synod Apportionment	$ 1,046.94
Donations	1,524.30
Total	$ 2,571.24
Kansas and Adjacent States	$ 222.00
Donations	2,200.47
Total	$ 2,422.47
Iowa Synod Apportionment	$ 375.00

Donations	453.17
Total	$ 828.17
Rocky Mountain Synod Apportionment	$ 145.00
Donations	157.60
Total	$ 302.60
Northwest Synod Apportionment	$ 139.79
Donations	119.00
Total	$ 258.79
Wartburg Synod Donations	$ 422.75
Texas Synod Donations	$ 31.98

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Rangeler.

The tellers reported 56 votes cast for Vice-President. Dr. C. B. Harman received 52 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Dr. Harman elected.

Greetings from the Iowa Synod were read.

The Report of the Parish Education Committee was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. The Recommendations were adopted. A motion carried to add the following Recommendation to the Report of the Parish Education Committee: "That the personnel of this Committee include a consultative representative to the Nebraska Council of Religious Education, and that a report of this organization be attached to the annual report of this Committee."

REPORT OF THE PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

While your committee held no meeting during the synodical year it was by no means inactive.

This committee was charged with the responsibility of choosing the secretary and treasurer of the Children of the Church for our Synod. In consultation with the presidents of the Women's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod and the Luther League of Nebraska your committee appointed Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City as secretary and Mrs. Homer Spittgerber of Omaha as treasurer of this new program. With the appointment of these officers our responsibility for the Children of the Church officially ceased.

With splendid co-operation from Rev. A. Duis, chairman of the Committee on Sunday School Work of the Midwest Synod and a number of pastors of both synods an itinerary through Nebraska was worked out for Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, field secretary of the Parish and Church School Board. The eleven Parish Education Institutes held in the state were attended by 34 pastors and 585 laymen and women representing 45 congregations from the two synods. We feel that this was a very worthwhile co-operative effort on the part of the committees of the two synods.

Negotiations have been entered into by the Parish Education Association of the Southeast District of the Synod of Nebraska and the Sunday School Association of the Lincoln District of the Midwest Synod looking toward the uniting of the forces of the two groups. To date they have not joined forces but negotiations are still in progress. Your committee had a part in setting this movement in motion.

The cause of Parish Education was presented at the fall meetings of the Conferences of Synod by members of the committee.

We desire to call your attention to the decreases in all departments of Sunday School work as revealed by the report of the statistician of Synod and suggest that greater emphasis be given to Christian Education through the Sunday School.

To this end we recommend:

1. That Church Schools plan to have Leadership Training classes in their own churches or to co-operate in approved community schools that a better trained Church School leadership might be developed.
2. That all Church Schools use, as far as possible, the plans for Parish Education Month prepared by the Parish and Church School Board.
3. That each congregation of Synod make an earnest effort to send at least one representative to this year's Midland Assembly with instructions to take a course in Leadership Training for credit.
4. That the program of The Children of the Church be adopted by each congregation and used in the way that promises the most effective use of this material in the congregational program.
5. That the use of the Guide and Standard be introduced in congregations that are not using them, that their use be continued in congregations already using them, that a more earnest effort be put forth to attain the goals suggested and that the synodical objective for the third year be: The stimulation of regular contributions for benevolence in the Church Schools.
6. That the personnel of this Committee include a consultative representative to the Nebraska Council of Religious Education, and that a report of this organization be attached to the annual report of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Saas.

The Report of the Delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, was presented by President J. C. Hershey.

REPORT OF THE U. L. C. A. DELEGATES

The eleventh Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America was held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, October 5th to 12th, 1938. A full delegation from the Nebraska Synod attended every session. All the regular clerical delegates were present. Two regular and three alternate lay-delegates attended every session. Among the alternate lay-delegates, H. Fahrenbruch took the place of H. Stelk, Walter Kuenning replaced A. Hedelund, and Marius Christensen went in place of Wm. Hendy.

Twenty-five Synods reported 100% delegates present. The records showed the election of 548 delegates as representatives of 31 Synods, of whom 541 were reported present.

Inasmuch as pastors of Synod have had access to reports of the U. L. C. A. Convention as printed in the Lutheran, and the review as printed in the Year Book, and all have received a copy of the minutes of the Convention, we call attention to a brief summary of the most important items of the Convention.

President's Report

Under the report of the Committee on President's Report the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, that this convention express its thankful joy over the unanimous co-operation which has characterized the promotional efforts of the past biennium.
2. Resolved, that this convention approve in general the ideas and plans described in this report and direct that they be continued in harmony with the arrangements adopted at the convention of 1936.
3. Resolved, that the Executive Board be directed to continue the plans whereby it will send to each Synodical meeting one representative of the Church as a whole, with all its causes.
4. Resolved, that in repeating our recognition of the Luther League of America, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Lutheran Brotherhood as official auxiliaries of the Church, we request all congregations to consider the desirability of establishing congregational units of these auxiliaries within the congregational operations.

Adjustments in Organization and Operation

Two major mergers were reported as accomplished. The merger of the Inner Mission Board, the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare and the Committee on Evangelism into one new board, "The Board of Social Missions;" and the merger of the Light Brigade and the Junior Luther League into one organization, "The Children of the Church," for special work with the children under twelve years of age.

Amendment to the Constitution

The secretary reported that the amendment to the constitution limiting the membership of an individual to a single Board of the Church had been unanimously approved by the constituent Synods.

Control of Theological Education

Adoption of a resolution: "That the Executive Board of the U. L. C. A. shall appoint, from the Church at large a commission of seven members on theological education;" and, adoption of a special resolution, presented from the floor: "That we instruct the new theological commission to seek ways and means of realizing the control, but interpreting the word 'control' as applying in the field of theological education curriculum content, academic standards and kindred matters, but specifically not in the field of seminary ownership or maintenance."

Report of the Committee on the "Call to the Ministry"

The special committee of five, long engaged in the study of theological and practical questions pertaining to the Call to the Ministry, presented a report of eight printed pages giving very specific attention to questions involved. The report was considered as a "statement." After discussion some important amendments were adopted and then the report, as amended, was "accepted as a guide for the Church." An important item in the report is the definition of the call: "We, therefore, conceive of the call to the Gospel ministry as the inclusive invitation of the triune God, the Church and the congregation, or authorized agency of the Church, to a member of the Church to feed the flock of God through teaching the Word and administering the Sacraments."

Concerning the right of a congregation to terminate its call to a pastor, referred to as the right of recall, the statements, as amended, presented these two recommendations: (1) "That it shall be the policy of the Church to recognize this right of the congregation and that a provision for this be inserted in the Model Constitution for Congregations;" and (2) "That the congregation's right of termination of the contractual relationship be exercised only after consultation with the president of the Synod and after the same prayerful consideration has been used that was invoked at the issuance of the original call, and that it shall become effective by a two-thirds majority of all the votes cast at a duly called congregational meeting."

Foreign Missions

Statistics show that the U. L. C. A. has 190,182 of its members in the foreign fields of India, Africa, Japan, China and South America. The Foreign Mission Board reported over nine thousand baptisms in India in 1937, more than half of whom were from non-Christian families, also that nearly half of the support of the work in India is carried on by eighty-three missionaries (including wives) and by 2,957 native workers (including all classes of workers). There are fifteen missionaries in the Africa field, thirty-three in Japan, seventeen in China and seven in South America. The budget for all fields for 1937-1938 was $374,730.00.

American Missions

A special feature of the report of the Board of American Missions was the account of its new division, authorized by the 1936 Convention

—Division of Survey and Research. Since its organization it has conducted 162 surveys of prospective fields and 46 re-surveys of fields in which the Board was already interested. Of the 162 original surveys, the Division has recommended 35 fields for starting work, 30 fields for subsequent review, and has rejected 97 fields as containing no field, at present, for the Lutheran Church. To do this work personal calls have been made upon 147,000 families in the prospective fields and 73,000 in the fields re-surveyed. Allowing that the average family contains four members, the Board's canvassers have compiled data on the church membership of 880,000 people in over 200 fields. The Division has worked on the territory of twenty-five Synods of the U. L. C. A.

The Board is also doing a splendid work along the line of training missionaries for these missionary congregations. These schools are held during the summer at convenient places. In 1938 144 missionary pastors, representing 23 of the 31 Synods, attended.

As the Anniversary Appeal continued until the end of 1938 no more than progress and prospects could be reported on contributions for the Church Extension Fund.

The Board reported that it was giving aid to the support of pastors for 555 congregations, and to property obligations, without salary aid, for 174 additional congregations, a total of 729 congregations with a confirmed membership of 118,067. This requires an annual budget of about $260,000.00. This Board has made Church Extension loans to the amount of $1,670,378.00. This work is carried on in almost every state of the U. S. A., in the provinces of Canada and in the U. S. A. Islands.

Higher Education

The Board of Education, which serves in the field of Higher Education (Colleges, Theological Seminaries and Universities), reported activities, through its several departments, with impressive figures. The Board report declared that "The Church is in higher education,"

a. To train its own leaders
b. To make education effective in character building
c. To assure a Christian civilization

The report shows that this Board serves with and in all educational institutions of the Church but owns and directs none. Its work is stimulating and advisory, with camparatively small grants from its operating budget. Its general work in spiritual care for Lutheran students in State and non-Lutheran schools is a large item in its program.

The statistical report showed 483 students enrolled in the ten theological Seminaries of the U. L. C. A. in 1937-1938, and 7,776 students enrolled in the 14 colleges in 1937-1938.

Parish Education

The work of the Parish and Church School Board includes the preparation and publication of a vast volume of special literature, for use among children and adults. This Board maintains a direct and vital contact with congregations in connection with synodical committees.

The budget of this Board is used almost entirely for administrative purposes, editors and some special workers being provided for by the Board of Publication. The budget is less than $15,000 per year.

Ministerial Pensions and Relief

No change in the administrative work of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief was made. It reported that at the time of the convention it had 347 retired ministers, 55 disabled ministers, 568 widows of ministers, 157 children of ministers, and six missionaries toward the support of whom it was making regular contributions—a total of 1,133. On account of inadequate income the Board reported a deficit of $85,811.18, which by order of the Church, is charged against capital account until it can be replaced. The amount needed annually for minimum appropriations for pensions and relief, exclusive of operating expenses, is more than $250,000.00.

The report to the Convention showed gratifying recovery in endowment investments, and increased income from that source. The Board has more than $3,450,000.00 in its endowment account, the greater part of which is invested in real estate and mortgages.

An Epochal Declaration

A very important declaration was adopted by the Convention and should be studied carefully by every member of our Synod. It is too lengthy to be included in this report. It may be found in the Year Book and minutes of the Convention.

Many other interesting and important items on which we do not have the space to report here should be read and studied carefully. They are all found in the minutes of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted for the delegates,
J. C. Hershey.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Rev. E. F. Rohlfing. The Report was adopted. In carrying out Resolution 4 prayers were offered by the Rev. H. C. Cordts and Dr. P. W. H. Frederick.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved,

1. That we hereby voice our sincere thanks to Mr. J. K. Jensen, official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America for his report from the official boards of the church and for his helpful and stimulating messages to this synod.
2. That we note with pleasure the presence of the Reverend B. R. Lantz, D. D., of the Kansas synod and of the Rev. F. W. Nolte, President of the Synod of the Midwest, and that we express our appreciation for the kindly spirit of their fraternal greetings.
3. That we record our gratitude to Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska, for bringing the report and greetings of that organization.
4. That we offer intercessory prayer in behalf of the Reverend G. B. Weaver, D. D., and that our President convey our fraternal greetings to him.
5. That we express our appreciation of the services of our synodical president, the Reverend J. C. Hershey, D. D., and that we pledge him our continued prayers and support.
6. That we heartily thank the Reverend M. Blaine Simon, pastor, the choir, the ladies aid society, and all the members of First United Lutheran Church who showed such cordial hospitality to our gathering, and that we request Pastor Simon to convey this resolution to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred C. Wiegman, Chairman.

The tellers reported 49 votes cast for Secretary. Rev. T. D. Rinde received 48 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Rinde elected.

The Report of the Committee on Claims was presented by the Rev. F. L. Cress. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your Committee on Claims reports the following bills and moves they be allowed.

To:

1. C. H. Berhenke—Mimeograph supplies, printing posters, and postage ..... $ 7.45
2. E. C. Mortensen—Car mileage to meeting of Midland Trustees and telephone calls 3.30
3. W. S. Livers—Car mileage to Fremont for special

meeting of Young Peoples Committee..... 2.00

$12.75

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Cress.

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was presented by the Rev. Sherman Frederick. The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following brothers have not been in attendance at any of the sessions of Synod but have sent valid excuses: the Reverends O. D. Baltzly, W. M. Daupenspeck, George Flora, E. H. Gilmer, C. P. Tranberg, W. I. Guss, C. H. B. Lewis, G. E. Mortensen, G. B. Weaver, Paul Wharton, and the following Lay-Delegates, Paul Zeplin, Wayne; J. F. Smith, Grace, Omaha; I. L. Beisel, St. Marks, Omaha; P. Katt, Vacoma.

The Reverends L. de Freese and W. H. Traub ask to be excused from the Tuesday sessions.

The Reverend A. W. Young asks to be excused from the Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon sessions.

The Reverends G. Mendenhall and M. Blaine Simon ask to be excused from the Wednesday afternoon sessions.

The Reverends H. J. Goede, C. B. Harman, W. T. Kahse, G. K. Rubrecht, H. A. Teckhaus and the Lay Delegates T. Lipps, Tekamah, and E. T. Tramp, North Platte, ask to be excused from the Thursday sessions.

The Reverends W. J. Chittenden, S. L. Keller, C. H. Kemper, and H. F. Martin were absent without excuse.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard W. Alexander, Chairman.

The tellers reported that Mr. F. E. Wood received all the votes cast for Treasurer. The President declared Mr. Wood elected.

A motion carried that the name of Dr. W. H. Traub be included in the Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

A motion carried that we re-consider the Report of the Young People's Committee. A motion carried that the following recommendation be added to the Report of the Young People's Committee: "That this Committee be directed to survey the work of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls of America and recommend to the next Convention of Synod what our relationship to those groups should be."

A motion carried that we adjourn at 12:15 p. m.

The Report of the Committee on Student Work in non-Lutheran Institutions was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS IN NON-LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Reports have been received from two student centers in our Synodical fellowship, Wayne State Teachers College and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

130 Lutheran Students attend Wayne State Teachers College, and under the sponsorship of Rev. Heidenreich of Wayne and Miss Ruth Pearson of the faculty, a fine student program is carried on. A Lutheran student gospel team is conducting evening services in neighbor-

ing Lutheran Churches, the Lutheran Student Association is active with one of their number, Werner Welchert, serving as President of the Midwest Region of the L. S. A. A. 120 students and Pastors attended the annual fellowship dinner of the Lutheran Students.

At the University of Nebraska 567 Lutheran Students are enrolled this present school year, and 176 of these are from our U. L. C. Congregations in this state. A joint Committee composed of Pastors and interested laymen of Lincoln congregations directs the work of the Church in serving these students. The work of the Committee is Church centered, and seeks to aid the student in finding a Church home in the Congregation of his own Synodical affiliation. The Committee sponsors a reception for all Lutheran Students within a week or two after the opening of school in the fall, and through the office of the secretary, a list of all Lutheran students is compiled for the use of the local Pastors, contacts are made as rapidly as possible and every aid is given to our Lutheran young men and women attending the University. The Lutheran Student Club meets each month in one of the Churches, usually with the League, and is affiliated with the L. S. A. A. and has representation on the Council of Religious Welfare of the University. The Secretary serves but part time and the University furnishes office space in the Temple Building without cost to the Committee.

Dr. Traub heads the work being done by the Omaha Churches, but inasmuch as most of the students are residents of Omaha, the Lutheran students are already under pastoral care through their own Congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Rangeler.

The Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was presented by the Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

Having examined the minutes of the three Conferences for the year 1938, your committee has found that the Conferences have been quite active under the leadership of the respective officers and have complied with the constitution of synod.

Recommendation:

We submit the following recommendation from the South Platte Conference:

Since a number of pastors and laymen, especially laymen, have expressed dissatisfaction regarding inadequate time given to discussion of committee reports, Be it resolved to memorialize synod requesting that more time be given to said matter if so desired.

Signed:

H. A. Teckhaus.

The tellers reported 49 votes cast for Statistician. The Rev. W. H. Saas received 46 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Saas elected.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by the Rev. F. L. Cress.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL EVANGELISM

In keeping with the recommendation submitted by this Committee last year, many of our congregations participated in the campaign of the Board of American Missions.

In connection with this campaign your committee cooperated in arranging group meetings which were addressed by Dr. Alfred Frank of York, Pa.

The fruit of the evangelistic aspects of this campaign have al-

ready been manifested in many of our congregations and seeds have been sown for a greater harvest in years to come.

It is urged therefore that we retain as far as possible that element of this campaign that has contributed to the evangelistic education and effort in our church, not forgetting those things which have in the past proved helpful aids in evangelism, namely

1. Daily family devotions aided by our varied devotional literature.
2. Catechetical evangelization for old and young and the preaching of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Cress.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was presented by the Rev. E. C. Mortensen. The Recommendation was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report of our president shows that he has been a busy man during the year and the reports from the congregations show that the churches of the Synod have prospered under his guidance.

The committee has examined the recommendations of the president and recommends that they be adopted by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Rangeler, Chairman.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. J. S. Rhine and the Rev. C. J. Naugle. The Session adjourned at 12:18 p. m., to reconvene at 1:15 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Synod re-convened at 1:15 Thursday afternoon.

Prayer was offered by Dr. L. H. Lesher.

A motion carried that the President appoint fraternal delegates to attend the Conventions of neighboring Synods if desirable.

The tellers reported 39 votes cast for Historian. Dr. G. K. Rubrecht received 35 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Dr. Rubrecht elected.

The following were nominated for the three year term as lay member on the Executive Committee of Synod: O. E. Schellberg, E. G. Hopkins, A. E. Hecker, W. W. Kuenning.

Greetings were read from the Pacific Synod.

Dr. P. W. H. Frederick presented an Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, of the Synodical Constitution, this Amendment to be voted on at the 1940 Convention of Synod.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

Article VIII Sec. 3 Line 7 to read:

"In the election of officers there shall be no election on the first ballot unless there is a three-fourth majority."

Signed: P. W. H. Frederick, Louis H. de Freese, M. Blaine Simon, Wm. C. Stump, H. C. Cordts, L. A. Meinzer, J. C. Miller, Harry Guilliams, W. A. Heuer A. H. Pinkall.

A motion carried that any business overlooked at this Convention of Synod be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

A motion carried that the Executive Committee edit the Reports for the printed Minutes.

The tellers reported 41 votes cast for the lay member to fill the three year term on the Executive Committee. Mr. A. E. Hecker received 22 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Hecker elected.

The following nominations were made for the two year term as a lay member of the Executive Committee: Wilfred Voss, W. A. Heuer, E. G. Miller, B. M. Boals.

A motion carried to dispense with the final roll call.

A motion carried that the Minutes of Thursday's Sessions be referred to the Executive Committee for approval.

A motion carried that the Executive Committee take care of the financial obligations of Synod for the year 1939 as it did during 1938.

The tellers reported 45 votes cast for the lay member to fill the two year term on the Executive Committee. Mr. W. A. Heuer received 25 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Mr. Heuer elected.

The following nomination was made for lay Trustee to the Midland College Board: Paul Palmquist.

The tellers reported 46 votes cast for clerical Trustee to the Midland College Board. The Rev. E. C. Mortensen received 36 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Mortensen elected.

The tellers reported 37 votes cast for lay Trustee to the Midland College Board, Mr. Paul Palmquist receiving all the votes. The President declared Mr. Palmquist elected.

The tellers reported 44 votes cast for clerical Trustee to the Tabitha Home Board. The Rev. R. E. Rangeler received 39, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Rangeler elected.

Mr. William Tegtmeyer was nominated as lay Trustee to the Tabitha Home Board.

The tellers reported that Mr. William Tegtmeyer received a sufficient majority for election as lay Trustee to the Tabitha Home Board. The President declared Mr. Tegtmeyer elected.

The Rev. F. C. Wiegman presented an Amendment to Article V, Section 1, of the Synodical Constitution, this Amendment to be voted on at the 1940 Convention of the Synod.

AMENDMENT

Article V., Section 1, add this sentence to the first paragraph: "In their absence from Synod, the officers shall be installed as the Executive Committee may direct."

Fred C. Wiegman, H. Dumler, W. C. Heidenreich, F. L. Cress, Alfred L. Mendenhall, George E. Moeller, J. C. Miller.

The President installed the following officers:

Secretary.....Rev. T. D. Rinde
Treasurer.....Mr. F. E. Wood
Statistician.....Rev. W. H. Saas

The 1939 Convention of Synod adjourned, the Formal Order for the closing of Synods being used.

These Minutes are certified to be the correct record of the proceedings of the 67th Annual Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, convening May 9, 10 and 11, 1939, in the First Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska, the Rev. M. B. Simon, pastor.

J. C. Hershey, President
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

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PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When Organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Contributing	Non-Member Adherents	Accessions: Child: Baptism	Accessions: Child: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmation	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Child: Death	Losses: Child: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise	Official Church Papers**	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Church Schools: Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Church Schools: Sunday: Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday: Home Dep't.	Church Schools: Sunday: Cradle Roll	Church Schools: Weekday: Number	Church Schools: Weekday: Teachers	Church Schools: Weekday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: Diaconate	Students: In Lutheran Institutions	Students: In Non-Lutheran Institutions
	North Platte Conference																																	
1	Allen	First	1912	Cress, F. L.	1	273	252	126	150	50	9	4	1		4		1		1	1		3	1	13	140	25	18	1	6	39	13			2	2
2	Columbus	United	1932	Dorner, E. A.	1	164	114	85	60	10	8	1			2	4			1	1		7	1	8	46										
3	Dakota City	Salem	1872	Saathoff, G. A. (Supply)	1	283	200	119	75	35	3		1							1			1	17	88		7				11				2
4	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	33	30	9		30				2			10					3									2				
5	Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	Krebs, George	1	614	368	185	147	40	13	4	4	14			2	2	2	81	15	1	1	17	132			1	14	108	39			2	7
6	Fremont	Salem	1902	Wiegman, F. C.	1	859	642	437	396	75	19	8	4	19	22	11		9	7	4			1	47	332	24	30	1	4	47	7	5	1	14	5
7	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Frederick, S.	1	295	253	148	98	25	8		2	16	13	5			2				1	14	116		30	1	10	73					7
8	Hooper	Grace	1915	Alexander, W. W.	1	358	263	215	103	25	12	2	2	5	3	9					2	1	1	27	114		17	1	8	79	17			4	3
9	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Frederick, S.	1	153	122	57	40	12	4	10											1	5	46			1	5	27	13				
10	Leigh	St. John's	1918	Gieschen, G.	1	371	230	143	153	15	14	9		3		9		2	5	10	8	2	1	14	107		34	1	3	37	20				1
11	Omaha	First	1907	Berhenke, C. H.	1	750	468	330			7			37	10		1		2	10		10	1	33	240		60	1	18	101	26	1		1	2
12	Omaha	Grace	1889	Goede, H. J.	1	623	318	170	165	15	13			10	1			8	4	7	10		1	18	118						9			1	4
13	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1858	Traub, W. H.	1	6481	4781	2285	2250		110	75	41	200	64	48	4	80	37	59	30		4	139	1362		255				270				65
14	Omaha	Luther Mem.	1936	Moeller, G. E.	1	61	40	35	30	20	2	16		2	2							3	1	7	26						7				2
15	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	Voss, W. A.	1	1022	736	508	499	238	27	30	12	40	22	28		5	2	5	5	3	1	35	416		11	1	11	74	31				9
16	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	Pinkall, A. H.	1	925	654	517	476	3	58	29	4	41	8	10	1	10	8	8		15	1	39	350		59	1	16	110	60				4
17	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Stump, W. C.	1	452	267	130	85		9	10	7	4	11	11		1	2		2	10	1	25	175		10	1	11	75	29				3
18	Ponca	Salem	1866	Livers, W. S.	1	473	350	216	115	24	16	6	1	11	5	12		8	3	1		2	1	24	121		27	1	8	58	25				10
19	Scribner	United	1935	Young, A. W.	1	304	189	167	101	12	2		1	13	11					2		3	1	14	108		12	1	8	59	20				1
20	South Sioux City	First	1920	de Freese, L. H.	1	631	344	212	141	90	14	10	3	19	6	7	1		1	6		2	1	24	225		53	1	12	75	41			1	3
21	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1858	Teckhaus, H. A.	1	197	96	80	70	10	7	10	1	6	12				2	2	2	3	1	8	60		8	1	1	8	8			2	2
22	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	Alexander, W. W.	1	87	67	64	17	14	3																								
23	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	575	412	223	103	8	7	4	8	5								2													
24	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	557	314	304	278	60	24			30		12		12	11	5	67	12	1	25	270						14				
25	Snyder	Immanuel		Young, A. W.	1	97	71	40	42	10	1		1	4					3				1	3	20		60				5			3	4
		Conference Total			25	16838	11561	6805	5594	821	390	228	93	481	196	166	8	147	83	125	265	96	25	561	4610	49	691	15	139	961	668	6	1	30	135
	South Platte Conference																																		
1	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Henkel, F. W.	1	410	265	189	102		4							1	1	1		3	1								17				2
2	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	Saas, W. H.	1	262	198	124	71	20	5	5	1	7	3							5	1	17	93	10	15	1	3	31	7				3
3	Benedict	Zion	1881	Mortensen, E. C.	1	291	207	115			2		3	4	1	1			3	1		1	1	24	98	3	18				12				6
4	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Dumler, H.	1	539	307	219		14	24		6	6	4	3			3	1		1	1	36	215						15			3	7
5	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Rangeler, R. E.	1	74	53	47	32	20	2	3		4	2				2	2			1	12	60						10				2
6	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Cordts, H. C.	1	779	561	540	324		23	12	15	5	3	10			3			10	1	18	312			1	3	72	28			2	8
7	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Joens, H.	1	130	94	65	35	12	2								6				1	8	60						4				4
8	Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	Delo, F. S. (Supply)	1	222	120	63	60		1								2				1	8	95		12								2
9	Lincoln	Grace	1890	Lesher, L. M.	1	760	645	393	357	150	13	10	2	11	5	10		10	8	12	50	100	1	36	270			1	4	50	25				25
10	Lincoln	St. James'	1925	Rangeler, R. E.	1	109	103	68	45	26			3	10	4			1	1	4		6	1	16	110		3				12				5
11	McCool Junction	First	1900	Simon, M. B.	1	235	159	70	25	5	5			2	1		1						1	8	50		15				10				1
12	Nebraska City	First	1866	Schuldt, T. J. C.	1	314	215	130		30	6	10	1	7	6	16		4		3		6	1	18	105		15	1	5	40	20			3	3
13	Rising City	First	1881	Baird, H. V.	1	339	243	170	170	10	9	1	1	8	10		2		5	11		15	1	16	175		17				23		2	5
14	Stella	Trinity	1884	Miller, J. C.	1	56	41	25		6	1	4			1			2	1			1	1	6	29										
15	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Miller, J. C.	1	263	191	136		16	6		1		3			4	1			3	1	14	140			1	4	24	7			1	2
16	Walton	Grace	1916	Rangeler, R. E.	1	160	131	78	65	10		4							2	2			1	8	36						7			2	3
17	Wilber	First	1889	Alexander, C. M. N.	1	235	118	66	58	44	2	4	4		2	12				1		5	1	13	139		13				7				
18	York	First	1927	Simon, M. B.	1	264	178	103	44	45	5	4		5		1	1		4	5		2	1	10	62		16				10				
		Conference Total			18	5442	3629	2601	1388	408	110	57	37	69	45	53	4	22	44	43	50	153	18	262	1999	13	134	3	19	217	207		18	8	
	Western Conference																																		
1	Broadwater	United	1934	Rohlfing, E. H.	1	183	131	110	110	50	11	4	19	8	2	5	1	4	1	2	1	3	1	12	104		7	2	9	114	16		1		
2	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Rhine, J. S.	1	150	111	104	50	25	4		2	12		1		2		4		1	1	8	46		10	1	3	19	14			1	1
3	Ericson	First	1898	Haugse, E. N.	1	36	34	11								5			2			1									75				11
4	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Harman, C. B.	1	1982	1282	825	950	250	68	3	26	43	10	4	4	20	6	10	20	9	1	60	390		75								
5	Gurley	Grace	1916	Rhine, J. S.	1	172	114	97	50	27	9	2	3	3	5	1			2	3		1	1	12	90	10	22	1	3	24				1	2
6	Hildreth	St. Paul's	1927	Gilmer, E. H.	1	213	179	100		18	4									2		1	1	14	65		21								
7	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Hanson, C. (Supply)	1	214	120	61		40												4	1	14	102										
8	North Platte	First	1880	Rubrecht, G. K.	1	1129	854	503	462	100	20	8	5	17	4	2		92	6	3		12	1	33	280			1	8	88	35	1		3	15
9	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Hanson, C. (Supply)	1	270	164	69	30	10	41		15	5		29			1	1			1	12	75			1	5	25	17				7
10	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Davis, R. V.	1	337	233	160	142	18	14		1		9							2	1	17	143		21				16				1
11	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	96	47	23	20	5	4												1	3	22								2		
12	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	334	160	135	78	42	14	4	1	10	9				1			3	1	3	22								1		
13	Spencer	United	1930	Mendenhall, A. L.	1	255	136	73	102	37	4				2	1		10		4	14	5	1	13	130	5					12			1	1
14	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Henriksen, H.	1	209	162	109	74	45	1			2				2		2	63	3	1	9	62			1	4	39	11			1	1
15	Sutherland	Grace	1902	Davis, R. V. (Supply)	1	74	42	12	24	4	1								2			3	1	29	168		7				13				
16	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	Haugse, E. N.	1	351	263	142	40	20	3		4	5		5	1		2				1	2	15						14		1		9
		Conference Total			16	6005	4032	2534	2132	691	198	21	76	105	41	53	6	130	25	31	98	48	15	247	1680	15	163	7	32	366	223	1		10	68
		Synodical Totals			59	28085	19422	11940	9114	1920	698	306	206	655	282	272	18	299	152	199	253	305	54	1076	8299	77	978	27	190	1473	1066	7	1	58	270